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We suffer £34m hangover

Special KoS Report

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AS HOSPITALS across the county felt the strain of a booze-fuelled night of New Year celebrations, health chiefs have warned of the mounting millions excess alcohol is costing the public purse.

Emergency operators said, at its peak, there were four calls every minute going to ambulance staff, with more than 1,540 calls received between 10pm on New

Year's Eve and 4am the following day; a 20 per cent increase on the previous year.

While not all were a direct result of alcohol, the vast majority were caused by people drinking too heavily.

It is, however, the tip of the iceberg on a year-round problem facing Kent, with experts claiming admissions to hospital for alcohol-related illnesses cost the NHS £34 million in the county last year alone.

And that figure does not take into account

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BROADBAND

Get ready for faster internet

MILLIONS of pounds of government funding to improve broadband connections to every household in Kent is due to be made available.

It means providing a boost to download speeds in all areas, including rural retreats, by 2015. It is hoped the roll-out will begin next year. **PAGE 10**

ENTERTAINMENT

Strictly judge ties the knot

POPULAR judge on BBC TV's Strictly Come Dancing, Len Goodman, surprised friends by secretly wedding his long-term girlfriend last weekend.

The Kent dance school chief invited friends for a quiet Sunday lunch in London – then revealed it was a marriage service. **PAGE 23**

SPORT

Gills sign duo in hunt for title

MARTIN Allen wasted no time in adding new blood to his pacesetting Gillingham side when the transfer window opened this week.

The Gills will be looking to build on their remarkable start to the season in 2013, which has seen them top the table.

Full details inside. **PAGE 55**

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FOOD

Richard is hot stuff when it comes to the taste of curry

By Chris Murphy
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WHILE curry shows no sign of relinquishing its grip on its claim to the title of the nation's most popular food, one man will enter 2013 tasked with perhaps the dream job – official taster for one of the biggest names in the business.

Richard Beesley, from Tonbridge, will prove there are 'naan' better at distinguishing the different tastes in each of the exotic dishes when he starts work as official taster for curry giants Patak's in 2013.

He will be involved at the forefront of Patak's new product development in their innovation kitchen, where he will try dozens of new dishes and have a say in the creation of new products.

In addition, he will receive batches of curries to his doorstep throughout the year to taste and offer his feedback on.

And he's ready for the challenge, after a lifetime of devotion to the spicy dishes.

Mr Beesley, who won a national competition, said: "I use my curry-making skills to impress my wife a few times a week and my friends at least once a month.

"My eldest child is autistic, so I love to make curries for the other parents and children in his group. I really feel like it brings us all together. It is much healthier for my body and my bank balance since I've discovered cooking Indian dishes at home instead of getting takeaways or eating out."

He admits his love of curries developed while he was a student at university, when he became a dab hand at turning leftovers into a curry treat.

Anjali Pathak, whose family started the Patak's business (it dropped the 'h' in the brand name some years ago) added: "It is the first time that we at Patak's have invited a member of the public to play a part in developing our range, so we're all very excited to see what he has to contribute and feed back to us."



GOOD TASTE: Richard Beesley won a national competition

Ms Pathak will visit his home and hold a cooking masterclass to provide a few tips on how to create the perfect home-cooked curry for his family and friends. Mr Beesley also won a year's supply of Patak's products.

NEWS IN BRIEF

➔ Victim, 102, loses frame

A 102-year-old woman has been left devastated after her walking frame was stolen from outside her home.

Freda McGregor, who lives in a retirement complex off West Street in Wrotham, says she is now virtually housebound.

Worth £177, it has four wheels, a basket, a seat and is described as black or dark-coloured. It was pinched from outside her front door between December 19-21.

➔ Head stuck in escalator

FIRE crews had to use a saw to remove part of an escalator after a 12-year-old boy got his head jammed between the moving walkway and a wall at a book shop in Canterbury.

The youngster got stuck at the Waterstones store on New Year's Eve. A shop customer saw he was in trouble and pressed the emergency stop button.

A fire spokesman said: "How he got stuck we don't know, but fortunately he was not injured."

➔ Did you see fatal crash?

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following a fatal crash in Old Tovil Road, Maidstone, on New Year's Day which killed a pedestrian in his 30s and left a woman fighting for her life.

Valdis Labeckis, 21, of Old Tovil Road, has been charged with causing death by dangerous driving after the incident at 2.30am. Witnesses, including a group near the scene of the accident, should contact police on 01622 798538.

CRIME

Elderly man hit by shopping trolley on Boxing Day in critical condition

Picture: STACEY HARRIS

A 60-YEAR-OLD man remains in a critical condition after a woman allegedly rammed him with a shopping trolley in a branch of Marks and Spencer.

He fell to the floor and suffered a broken hip and wrist. After being taken to hospital he suffered complications and became critically ill.

The incident happened at The Glades shopping complex in Bromley in the run-up to Christmas.

A 30-year-old woman was arrested on suspicion of grievous bodily harm on Boxing Day and was bailed to return on Tuesday, January 29.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said: "On December 26, officers were informed that the man had suffered further health complications and that he was now in a critical condition.

"Officers subsequently arrested a 30-year-old woman on suspicion of grievous bodily harm."

An M&S spokesman said: "We can confirm that an incident took place at our Bromley store on Saturday, December 22.

"We are assisting the police with their investigation and therefore it would not be appropriate for us to comment any further."

Anybody with information that could assist



INCIDENT: The man was allegedly rammed by a woman in Marks & Spencer in The Glades centre

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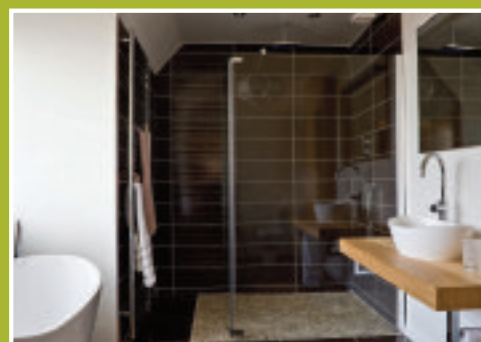


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AWARD

'Death Valley' Jack named among the county's great and the good in New Year's Honours List

By Nick Ames

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ART, music, sport and charity work were among the fields in which people from Kent were recognised in the New Year's Honours List.

Among the high-profile recipients, were Margate artist Tracey Emin, who received a CBE; Kent cricket president Mike Denness who collected an OBE; and reclusive singer Kate Bush, who was born in Bexleyheath. She received a CBE.

Others included charity fundraiser 'Death Valley' Jack Denness (inset), from Rochester, who received an MBE. At 77, he has raised more than £100,000 by competing in a host of gruelling marathons.

After giving up smoking aged 45, the school caretaker has completed 12, 135-mile Badwater Ultra marathons through the Nevada desert in heat that reaches 55 degrees.

He has also completed more than 100 marathons and half marathons – including the London Marathon 12 times – to raise cash for causes to help children with conditions such as cerebral palsy.

On hearing the news Mr Denness said: "I was shocked they would give this to me."

His namesake, Mike Denness, president of Kent County Cricket Club in 2012 and former club captain, said: "I am absolutely delighted, and over the moon that this has come my way. I never expected this and it really is a great honour."

The Deputy Lieutenant of Kent, Lady Pender collected an OBE for her voluntary work across the county, and Lord Mayor of London, David Wootton, who lives in Sevenoaks, received a knighthood.

Darren Henley, managing director of Classic FM received a CBE for services to music. He lives in Canterbury.



THOSE KENT PEOPLE RECOGNISED FOR ALL THEIR FINE WORK DOWN THE DECADES

KNIGHTHOODS

Professor George BERWICK, CBE, headteacher Ravens Wood School, Bromley. For services to education.

ORDER OF THE BATH

Companions of the Order of the Bath

Trevor LLANWARNE, government actuary. For services to the actuarial profession and public finances and to public service pension reform. (Sevenoaks)

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Commanders of the Order of the British Empire

Helen DEEBLE, chief executive P&O Ferries division and president UK Chamber of Shipping. For services to the shipping industry. (Canterbury)

Tracey EMIN, artist. For services to the arts. (Margate)

Pauline HAYES, deputy director and head department for international development Afghanistan. For service to the UK's international development effort in Afghanistan. (Tunbridge Wells)

Professor Leslie IVERSEN, chair Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs. For services to pharmacology. (Sevenoaks)

James BULLEY, director of venues and infrastructure and the Olympic Park, LOCOG. For services to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. (Otford)

John BURTON, director of development Westfield and director Westfield Stratford City. For services to urban regeneration and to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. (Dunton Green)

Susan CHALKLEY, chief executive Hastoe Housing Association. For services to housing and tenants. (Tonbridge)

Howard COLLINS. For services to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games and London Underground. (Tunbridge Wells)

Dean CREAMER, deputy head, UK-wide operations, government Olympic executive. For preparatory services to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. (Kent)

Michael DENNESS, president Kent County Cricket Club. For services to sport.

Frances DUFFY, head ceremonies unit, Department for Culture, Media and Sport. For public service to the Royal Wedding and Diamond Jubilee. (Sidcup)

Katie GARDINER, policy lead, accreditation project, Office for Security and Counter Terrorism, Home Office. For services to the security of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. (Pembury)

Darren HENLEY, managing director Classic FM. For services to music. (Canterbury)

Sarah KENNETT, operations cluster manager, Benefit

Integrity, Benefit Centres Directorate. For services to the delivery of benefits and to charity. (Ashford)

Deborah LEEK-BAILEY headteacher Babington House School, Bromley and member of the independent/state schools partnership forum. For services to education. (Kent)

Paul NOON, general secretary Prospect. For services to employment relations and sustainable development. (Kent)

Lady Julia PENDER. For services to the community in Kent. (Deal)

Ashley ROBERTS, deputy head automotive unit, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills. For services to the UK automotive industry. (Kent)

Professor Janet TREASURE, psychiatrist, eating disorder unit, South London Maudsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Kings College London. For services to people with eating disorders. (Faversham)

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Members of the Order of the British Empire

Dr Nellie ADJAYE, consultant paediatrician Maidstone. For services to child health and protection. (Kent)

John BLACKBURN, founder and managing director Canterbury Bears. For services to manufacturing and export. (Canterbury)

Helen BOWLES, policy adviser and deputy CEO, GuildHE. For services to higher education. (Sevenoaks)

Frederick CORDIER, master ropemaker. For services to ropemaking. (Chatham)

Jack DENNESS. For services to charity in Medway. (Rochester)

Dr Stuart FIELD, chairman League of Friends, Kent and Canterbury Hospital. For services to the NHS. (Canterbury)

Peter FOWLER, market trader and former president of the

Covent Garden Market Tenants Association. For services to the food and catering industries. (Horton Kirby)

Albert FURZE, education consultant and lately headteacher, Bradstow Special Educational Needs School, Broadstairs. For services to education. (Broadstairs)

Carol KEMPTON, head of internal events, 10 Downing Street. For services to the Prime Minister's Office. (West Wickham)

Lawrence LYLE. For services to archaeology and local history through the Kent Archaeological Society. (Canterbury)

Dr Geetha NAGASUBRAMANIAN, consultant gynaecologist, head of service, Tower Hamlets contraception and sexual health services, Barts Health NHS Trust, London. For services to women and young people. (Orpington)

Kenneth REEDIE, lately curator Canterbury Museum Service. For services to museums in Kent. (Canterbury)

Elizabeth SEABROOK, administrator insurance company. For services to bioscience. (Kent)

David SOUTH, chair Holcombe Hockey Club. For services to sport. (Shorne)

Joan THORNYCROFT. For services to the beauty therapy industry. (Cranbrook)

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Medallist of the Order of the British Empire

John ASHWORTH, basketball coach. For voluntary service to basketball and the community in Bromley. (Bromley)

Peter BARRELL, founder and chairman Chris Barrell Memorial Trust. For services to children, young people and families. (Sandwich)

Anne HAWKINS. For services to elderly people in Hildenborough. (Tonbridge)

TRAGEDY

Father's death on eve of daughter's wedding

A FATHER killed in a Boxing Day car crash on the M20 was due to attend his daughter's wedding the following day, it has emerged.

Paul Clark, 51, from Sidcup, (pictured) died when his silver Vauxhall Vectra crashed between junctions one and two on the London-bound carriageway of the motorway just before 8pm.

His widow Tracie Clark said life would "never be the same again".

She said: "He was a devoted husband a father to three children. It was the eve of his only daughter's wedding, which was to be held at Chilton Park Hotel in Lenham, Maidstone.

"Everyone who ever met Paul was touched by his infectious sense of humour and his immense love for all his family and special friends.

"Life will never be the same again."



CRIME

Murder charge after man dies in Teynham

A 47-YEAR-OLD man appeared in court on Thursday charged with murdering a 21-year-old man near Sittingbourne.

Jurijs Popovs of Henley Place, Teynham, was charged with the murder of Dmitrijs Titovs following an incident at a block of flats in London Road at 1.30am on New Year's Day.


Meanwhile, in an unrelated incident, two teenagers this week appeared in court following a stabbing in Gillingham. The incident also took place in the early hours of January 1.

Stuart Porter, 18, of Buttermere Close in Gillingham has been charged with section 18 grievous bodily harm - which is causing harm with intent - and has been remanded in custody.

A 17-year-old from Rochester, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, has been charged with the same offence.

It relates to an incident in Windmill Road at around 2.50am to which police were summoned and a man found injured.

A 28-year-old man from Gillingham is currently in a critical condition at Medway Maritime Hospital.



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27th November 2012

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26th November 2012

Mr & Mrs Mattock, Sittingbourne

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ENTERTAINMENT

Festival will return despite difficult debut

By Chris Britcher

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ORGANISERS of a music festival, headlined last year by former Sex Pistols frontman John Lydon, say they hope to reach an agreement with local authorities to return this summer.

The Music Event One (ME1) Festival took place in Rochester last July and saw Mr Lydon make a rare appearance in the county, fronting his critically acclaimed band Public Image Ltd (PiL).

They were supported by Leeds stars the Wedding Present, with local bands making up the bill.

But, similar to other festivals during 2012, they were hit by disappointing weather in the run-up to the event, and lack-lustre ticket sales.

Now, however, organiser Matt Peacock is hopeful ME1 will return for 2013.

Mr Peacock explained: "We are in talks with Medway Council which will hopefully see us return to Rochester Castle Gardens, and

we're already in talks with bands with a view to them performing.

"The PiL show wasn't sold out, but the group suffered disappointing sales on their tour, so it wasn't just us. They are extremely well received critically, but I think they possibly lacked that cross-over appeal. They loved the venue though, and thought it was fantastic.

"The pubs nearby saw a real boost to their trade too. But, by its very nature, it was a case of suck it and see to a certain extent.

"Commercially, ME1 remains something of a work in progress but the feedback we received from those who attended and the music press was very positive and we were pleased. Our relationship with the council is good and we hope to have an agreement soon."

Hopes of expanding ME1 into a two-day festival have been put on ice for 2013, but there is long term ambition to build it up into a well-respected, well-attended, annual event.

Mr Peacock, who was born and bred in Medway, and has involvement in an independent publishing company and record label, says he hopes to hear from the council later this month.

SHOWS HIT HIGHS AND LOWS IN 2012



LAST year was a watershed moment for some of the county's major music festivals.

The Hop Farm Festival in Paddock Wood – headlined by Bob Dylan, Peter Dinklage and Suede – made a loss due to disappointing ticket sales and the company behind it went into administration. The rights to the Hop Farm Festival are currently tied up by liquidators and administrators. It looks extremely unlikely it will return in 2013, although tickets are

on sale with a scheduled start date of July 5.

Canterbury's Lounge on the Farm came in for fierce criticism from the police in 2011, but upped its game in 2012 to iron out the issues and win the plaudits. Organisers are currently working on the 2013 event.

And Quex Park looks likely to continue to build on its base of festivals, which in 2012 saw one day headlined by indie stars James and the other by Olly Murs.



HEADLINE: John Lydon's Public Image Limited closed the first ME1 festival

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DR ROWAN WILLIAMS' NEW YEAR MESSAGE

THE extraordinary events of the Olympics and Paralympics last summer provided an unforgettable spectacle. But everyone who visited the Olympic site or watched the broadcasts will have been made aware of the army of volunteers who cheerfully gave up their free time and worked away, without complaint, all folk who quietly, often invisibly, turn vision into reality and just make things happen – especially volunteers.

Here at the Robes project, more than 20 local churches are combining to offer food and shelter to homeless people in London. Religion here isn't a social problem or an old-fashioned embarrassment, it's a wellspring of energy and a source of life-giving vision for how people should be regarded and treated. So let's recognise this steady current of generosity that underlies so much of our life together in this country and indeed worldwide.

It's all based on one vision – to make our society, our whole world, work for

everyone, not just the comfortable and well off. And it's a vision that sometimes seems to need Olympic levels of patient hard work and dedication. If you have the good fortune to live in a community where things seem to be working well the chances are that if you slip backstage you'll find an army of cheerful people making the wheels go round – and don't forget just what a huge percentage of them come from the churches and other faith groups. How very good that people like that are there for us, we can say – but as soon as we've said that, we should be prompted to ask the tougher question: what can I do to join this silent conspiracy of generous dedication? There'll be those who have time and skill and strength to offer; there'll be those who have less of these, but can support in prayer and goodwill.

And as we think about this silent groundswell, perhaps our minds can begin to open up to the deepest secret of all – the trust that the entire universe is held together by the quiet, unfailing generosity of God. What we see and grasp isn't the whole story – but just occasionally we can get a glimpse. I hope there will be lots of joyful glimpses like that for you in the year ahead.



RELIGION

Archbishop's final farewell as he steps down after an eventful 10 years in office

By Marijke Cox

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AFTER the trauma to the Church of England of the vote over women bishops, it now faces a little over two months without a leader in place as the outgoing Archbishop of Canterbury steps aside, and his replacement prepares to take over the role in March.

Dr Rowan Williams spent ten years as archbishop and will leave with a sense of disappointment after the General Synod failed to vote in support of women bishops. He admitted it caused him "deep personal sadness".

However, he will be remembered as a popular, fiercely intelligent leader of the Church of England and spiritual head of the Anglican communion.

And hundreds of people turned out to bid Dr Williams farewell at Canterbury Cathedral during his final service last week.



GOODBYE: Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams with Bishop Trevor Willmott

Those close to him said while there was a sense of sadness at his departure across the Canterbury diocese, with it came a feeling of excitement for the future and what it would bring when the new archbishop, the Right Reverend Justin Welby, the Bishop of Durham, is consecrated in March.

Bishop Trevor Willmott – the archbishop's right hand man – wished his friend and colleague all the best with his new life. He also congratulated him on his peerage, which was bestowed in the Queen's New Year Honours.

"Canterbury has enjoyed 10 wonderful years of Archbishop Rowan being part of the life of this diocese," said Bishop Trevor. "Of course, the diocese is sad to see him go, but there is also a sense of excitement and celebration as we look forward to the arrival of the 105th Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby."

"Our prayers are with him, his wife Caroline and their family as they prepare for all that lies ahead."

We look forward to welcoming Archbishop-Designate Justin in March and I know the diocese will offer their support and encouragement as he begins his new ministry."

More than 700 people turned out to bid farewell to 62-year-old Dr Williams before he departed as the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury.

A spokesman for Canterbury Cathedral said: "We're very sad to see him go but wish him all the best in his future in Cambridge."

"We've not met the new archbishop yet and are looking forward to meeting and welcoming him."

"The enthronement is on March 21, which will be a very grand occasion and lots of fun. This will lead into Holy Week and Easter, so the new archbishop will really hit the ground running."

"Meanwhile, life will carry on as normal at the cathedral before the new archbishop starts."

It remains to be seen if Dr Welby will be quite so outspoken as Dr Williams.

The outgoing archbishop, who will become Master of Magdalene College at Cambridge this month, came under fire for comments made on a number of controversial topics, including sharia law.

During his decade in office, he has sparked strong reaction with his comments on the Iraq war and opinion on the economic situation.

But with the turbulence came moments of delight, including conducting the marriage of Prince William and Kate Middleton at Westminster Abbey and the visit of Pope Benedict XVI to the UK.

CRASH

Motorist cut free from A21 smash

FIREFIGHTERS using hydraulic cutting gear freed a woman from the wreckage of her car after a smash on the A21 on Wednesday night.

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TECHNOLOGY

Delivery of super-fast broadband for all homes to start in 2014 once network supplier is found

By Marijke Cox

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MILLIONS of pounds of government funding to improve broadband connections to every household in Kent is due to be made available as part of the county's Broadband Delivery UK project.

It means the £43 million scheme, led by Kent County Council (KCC), is on track to deliver either super-fast or sufficient broadband connection to everyone by 2015.

The latest update by KCC suggests the start of the roll-out in 2014, when the first services are due to come online.

The Kent and Medway BDUK project is part of a nationwide drive to ensure all households have internet access. KCC is investing more than £10m and the Government £9.87m. The remaining funds will come from a network operator.

Next week, KCC's policy and resources cabinet committee will discuss entering into a contract to deliver the Kent and Medway BDUK project as well as entering into a grant agreement to draw-down the £9.87m of government funding.

The latest move is in contrast to the national drive, which has faced setbacks caused by issues surrounding state aid approval.

But Kent is on track to see the scheme delivered by the national 2015 deadline.

In a report to the cabinet committee, those behind the project stated that "excellent progress"



SO, HOW FAST WILL IT BE?

THE scheme looks to ensure 90 per cent of properties in the county access super-fast broadband of 24Mbps or above – which enables a film, for example, to be downloaded in around 15 minutes or an MP3 in seconds.

At full speed, a 24Mbps connection is capable of downloading one gigabyte of data in about five minutes.

The remaining 10 per cent should be able to access 2Mbps – a film download speed of approximately three or four hours or about an hour for one-gig of data.

Most 'on-demand' TV services – such as BT Vision or some Sky services – suggest speeds of at least 2-3Mbps for trouble-free use.



had been made so far.

It said: "The evaluation of the tender submissions will begin in mid January, with state aid and government sign-off for the project being sought in February and March to enable contract award in April 2013."

It means a network supplier being in place by the spring.

But despite the positive feeling surrounding the scheme, it is not yet known which areas of the

county will benefit from improved broadband first.

A KCC spokesman said: "It will not be possible to confirm the geological phasing for the roll-out until after the procurement has been completed and initial survey work has been undertaken."

It means some rural communities which struggle with slow connection – and sometimes no connection at all – must continue the frustrating wait for better services.

KCC said local businesses and residents con-

tinue to make contact to highlight concerns over the impacts of poor quality rural broadband infrastructure and its impact on growth.

More than 16,500 registrations have been received in the Make Kent Quicker campaign in response to poor broadband access.

Earlier this year, fibre broadband was installed in areas across the county as part of an upgrade of BT's infrastructure with the aim of improving speeds.

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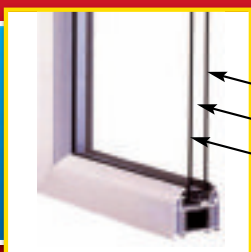
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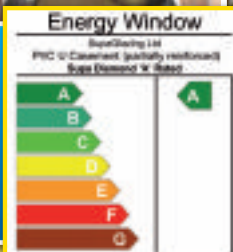
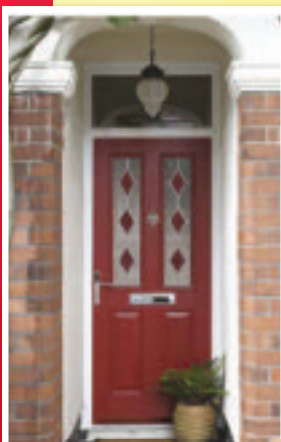
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OBITUARY

Music mourns death of composer recognised as one of UK's 'greats'

By Nick Ames

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TRIBUTES have been paid to Sir Richard Rodney Bennett, one of Britain's most talented composers, who died at the age of 76 on Christmas Eve.

His work included film scores for the likes of Four Weddings and a Funeral, Murder on the Orient Express – which won him his Bafta in 1974 – Far from the Madding Crowd and Nicholas and Alexandra.

The composer, born in Broadstairs on March 29, 1936, and the youngest of three children, died peacefully in his adopted home of New York.

He received a CBE in 1977, and a knighthood in 1998. He was also nominated for an Oscar on three occasions.

Sir Richard's major orchestral works included three symphonies and an opera, The Mines of Sulphur. Other compositions included Reflections on a Scottish Folk Song, commissioned by Prince Charles to commemorate the Queen Mother as well as writing for television including music for Doctor Who.

David Arnold, composer of several James Bond themes and musical director for the 2012 Olympic Games, hailed him as "one of our greats".

MUSICAL MASTERPIECES



Sir Richard's Academy Award nominated film scores were: **Far From the Madding Crowd** (1967, starred Julie Christie) **Nicholas and Alexandra** (1971, starred Laurence Olivier) **Murder on the Orient Express** (1974, starring Albert Finney, Lauren Bacall and Ingrid Bergman)

His publisher, Gill Graham, of the Music Sales Group, described him as "the last of his kind".

"He wrote 32-bar jazz standards, the most complex serial music and everything in between," she said.

Chris Butler, the company's head of publishing, added: "Richard was the most complete musician of his generation; lavishly gifted as a composer, performer and entertainer in a multiplicity of styles and genres."

"He was a loyal friend to music, musicians and music publishing and we will remember him with great respect and affection."



MUSICAL GEM: Sir Richard's score for Murder on the Orient Express was nominated for an Oscar

CRIME

Van linked to damage

POLICE want to trace the driver of a blue Bedford Rascal van believed to be linked to a string of incidents in Gravesend last Saturday.

It is linked with the windows being smashed of three cars in Northfleet – and possibility of two other incidents.

The vehicle is described having one long ladder and one short ladder on the roof rack.

THEFT

Holiday park is raided

CROOKS swiped 35 Calor gas cylinders from a holiday park in Whitstable last weekend.

They were stolen from the Alberta Holiday Park in Faversham Road, Seasalter between 3pm on Friday December 28 and 2.25pm the following day.

Anyone with information about the theft is urged to contact police on 101.

CRASH

Taxi victim still critical

A 26-year-old man continues to fight for his life after being hit by a taxi and dragged under the vehicle two weeks ago.

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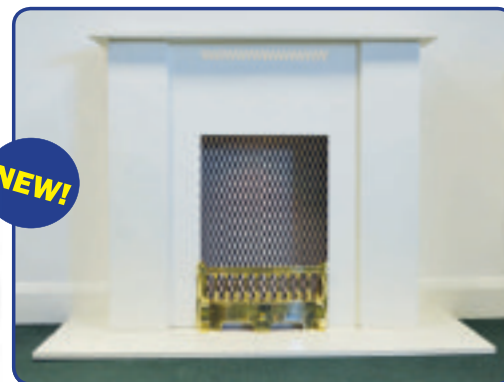
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EXHIBITION

Items used by Scott during Antarctic trips to go on show

By Chris Britcher

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BELONGINGS from Captain Scott's famous expeditions to the Antarctic will go on public display at a special exhibition in Gillingham later this month.

Hidden Histories of Exploration is a temporary display which will be opening at the Royal Engineers Museum on the January 19, organised by the Royal Geographical Society.

It highlights the role of local inhabitants and intermediaries in the history of exploration.

Among those featured will be: Juan Tepano, who helped in the first major survey of Easter Island; Sidi Mubarak Bombay, an African guide who participated in numerous expeditions by 19th century British explorers to east Africa; and Nain Singh who was the first of the late 19th century explorers who explored the Himalayas for the British.

It is supported by items from the Royal Engineers Museum's own collection including items from Scott's journeys to the Antarctic.

The exhibition runs from Saturday, January 19 until Monday, April 1, at the Royal Engineers Museum, Prince Arthur Road, Gillingham.



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CRIME

Cops vow to crack down hard on drink-driving going in to the new year

By Chris Britcher

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POLICE say there will be no let up in tracking down and stopping those who drink-drive as the traditional Christmas campaign pushes into the new year.

As the Stay Safe this Winter campaign continues, drivers are being reminded they face up to six months in prison plus a fine of up to £5,000 and disqualification from driving for at least 12

months – or three years if convicted twice in 10 years – if they are caught.

Canterbury's district commander, Chief Inspector Stephen Barlow, said: "Even without the maximum penalty, the inconvenience of losing your licence and not being able to drive any vehicles can have a significant impact on home, family and work life.

"In some cases, it may mean you lose your job and your livelihood.

"That is why we will continue to raise aware-

ness of drink-driving and send out this simple message: Don't drink and drive."

Nine people were arrested with alleged drink-driving related offences between December 14 and January 1 in the Canterbury district alone.

Three of the arrests followed collisions.

Thomas Smith, 21, of Lower Road, Faversham, will appear in court next month following a crash in Seasalter, on New Year's Eve.

Tobias Winson, 22, of Lindenthorpe Road, Broadstairs was arrested in Mickleburgh Hill

Herne Bay just before 6 pm on Christmas Eve following a collision where a car had hit two stationary cars. He is due before Canterbury Magistrates on February 1.

And police called to investigate an incident where a car allegedly collided with a parked taxi, and then drove off, arrested 36-year-old Nathan James Cook of Field Avenue, Canterbury. He was subsequently charged with failing to provide a specimen for analysis and was bailed to answer before magistrates on January 31.

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Crews were summoned to Rochester High Street at around 10.15am after smoke started billowing from a fast food outlet.

The Kebab & Chicken Hut was shut and no-one was in the premises at the time of the drama.

Emergency services rushed to the scene and dozens of firefighters brought the flames under control before using a fan to clear smoke from the building.

An investigation is under way into what caused the fire, but it is believed to have been sparked in the ventilation system of the shop. No-one was hurt.

The operation was stood down by 12.15pm.

HEALTH

Take a walk and get fitter

LOOKING for a cheap way to shed the pounds this new year? Then a selection of maps taking walkers on strolls around Swale are available at libraries and community centres.

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ACCIDENT

Did you see car hit OAP?

AN 87-year-old woman spent Christmas in hospital after being knocked over in Sittingbourne.

Police have renewed their appeal for witnesses after the woman was left with a broken leg and shoulder and fractured a bone in her neck after being hit as she crossed the Avenue of Remembrance on December 14. The driver is fully co-operating with police.

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CAMPAIGN

Top Tories backing winter fuel fund donations to those in greatest need

By Marijke Cox

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KENT MPs have thrown their weight behind the Surviving Winter campaign and called on well-off households to help the county's neediest.

Thanet North MP Sir Roger Gale and Sittingbourne and Sheppey MP Gordon Henderson pledged their support to the drive, which was launched by the Kent Community Foundation (KCF) and over-50s provider Saga, as part of a nationwide appeal to support elderly and vulnerable people over the winter months.

They have called on those who receive the Government's annual tax-free £200 winter fuel allowance but don't need the money, to donate it to the most needy.

Every household with residents over the age of 60 receive the fund every winter, regardless of their financial position.

By donating the money to KCF, the charity can redirect it to cash-strapped households to help towards bills.

The appeal, which raised £16,000 in Kent and Medway last year, has been launched again for 2012/13.

Sir Roger said: "I have long held the view while the winter fuel payment is made to many people who, like myself, are still working and do not require support, there are many who could use some or more assistance with their fuel bills.



"That is why I believe those who can afford to do so should be encouraged to pass on their payments to those in greater need, either directly or through a charitable organisation such as KCF."

Mr Henderson echoed his Conservative colleague's sentiments.

"There are many elderly people who will struggle to keep warm this winter because of increased energy bills," he said.

"I think this is an extremely sensible way of channelling charitable donations directly to the right people."

KCF and Saga said between 2003 and 2009, average household gas bills doubled and average electricity bills rose by 60 per cent.

There are concerns that recent price rises, along with the arrival of cold and often freezing temperatures in the UK, could leave many households struggling to afford their energy costs, particularly the vulnerable and elderly.

Ros Altman, director-general of Saga – which has offices in Thanet, Folkestone and Sandgate – said: "With rising fuel costs and the Government's decision to cut the winter fuel payments last year, vulnerable older people are suffering a double whammy, so Saga is fully behind this



HELP: Surviving Winter raised £16,000 last year

venture, helping channel donations into the right hands and helping older people keep warm and well."

■ To donate or for more information see www.kentcf.org.uk/surviving_winter.html.

UTILITIES

Supply and demand behind £6.3m upgrade

WORK is under way on a £6.3 million upgrade to the electricity network in Maidstone.

UK Power Networks is splashing out in order to ensure sufficient supplies are in place for extra houses in the county town as well as ensuring villages maintain reliable energy supplies.

The company controls the distribution of electricity across much of the south east.

It will install new equipment at a substation in the town and support a new power connection between Maidstone and the north Kent coast.

Project manager Farukh Amin said: "Demand for electricity from commercial, industrial and residential customers is increasing all the time.

"This project will ensure we can meet predicted demand in the future and maintain secure power supplies."

As part of the investment, 2.4km of new 132,000-volt underground cables are being laid.

The underground cabling project started during the summer and ducts have now been installed along more than half of the route, with the main trenching due to be complete by the end of the month.

The cable route runs north from the Grove Green to the Penenden Heath area, where the new underground cables will transfer on to existing overhead power lines running to the coast.

Later this year, around 7km of overhead lines which link the substation and the underground cables in Maidstone with equipment on the north Kent coast are due to be refurbished as part of the project.

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News

APPEAL

Don't drop dead, check the health of your heart

By Chris Britcher

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THE victim of a heart attack when he was just 23-years-old has thrown his weight behind a campaign to get more young people to undergo heart screenings.

Russell Baker, from Chatham, collapsed as he walked along Rochester High Street last February. His heart stopped beating and he fell with such force onto the pavement, that he broke his jaw.

Two strangers rushed to his aid – fortunately one turned out to be a former nurse and the other a former paramedic and both worked at nearby Cafe Maroc – and they gave him lifesaving treatment.

He later discovered that he had a previously undiagnosed heart condition.

Now 24, Mr Baker is working for charity project Fixers, which supports 16 to 25-year-olds throughout the UK to take action and change things for the better. His focus is to ensure young people get themselves checked for potential heart problems

– even if they appear to be perfectly healthy.

Mr Baker, who had to give up his job as a life-guard following the health scare, said: "I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd have a problem with their heart, I exercised well, I ate well, I had three jobs.

"I am lucky to be alive.

"I showed no symptoms of this condition. I was just walking and then I dropped down dead.

"It scared me and my family, as it was just so quick.

"Now I want to make sure people get screened for heart conditions, no matter how fit and healthy they are.

"Around 80 per cent of cases of heart defects show no symptoms whatsoever, so it is vital that other young people look out for themselves."

SURVIVOR: Russell Baker had shown no symptoms of heart problems before his collapse



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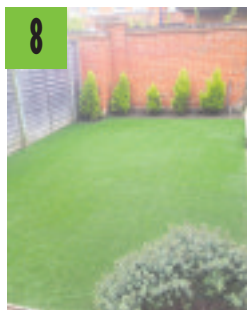
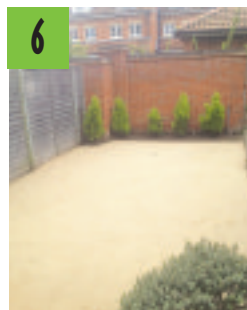
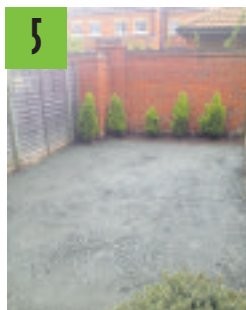
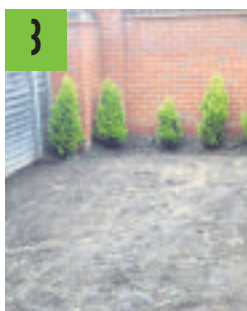
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ACCIDENT



SMASH: The wrecked car was found close to Charing Crematorium

Mystery surrounds tragic A20 crash that saw young pair die

A TEENAGE girl and her 20-year-old passenger were both killed in an horrific smash on the A20 last weekend.

The 17-year-old girl was driving a Ford Fiesta between Ashford and Maidstone when it left the road and smashed into a tree. The incident took place on the Maidstone-bound carriageway of the A20, close to Charing Crematorium.

A passing motorist found the wreckage of the car just after 10pm last Saturday night.

It is not known how long the vehicle had been there, or how the crash took place.

This week police launched a probe into the incident, and are

appealing for witnesses to come forward to shed light on the tragedy.

The names of the two dead people are believed to be Amy Clark, 17 from the Ashford area, and 20-year-old Rob Wiltshire from Maidstone.

The Maidstone-bound carriageway was closed until 2am last Sunday morning while officers investigated the collision and recovery work took place.

Police would like to hear from anyone who witnessed the collision or may have seen the Fiesta in the area at the time. The witness appeal line is 01622 798538.

CELEBRITY

Len springs wedding on lunch guests

STRICTLY Come Dancing judge Len Goodman has married his long-time girlfriend at a surprise ceremony in front of friends and family in London.

Mr Goodman, who has run the Goodman Dance Centre in Dartford for many years, surprised friends by inviting them to a Sunday lunch at a London club last weekend – which then became a wedding service.

The star, 68, wed 47-year-old dance teacher Sue Barrett. The couple had been dating for more than 10 years.

According to reports, only his 96-year-old mother was aware what was going to take place at the private dining club in Belgravia.

He said: "I had a marvellous day."

Among those gathered were Sevenoaks-born Strictly dancer Anton du Beke.

Mr Goodman has been married before, and has a son from a previous relationship.



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OPINION

Did he cross the belief divide?

Editor **CHRIS BRITCHER** examines the impact of Dr Rowan Williams on the converted and non-converted as he steps down as Archbishop

PREACHING to the converted is a phrase we all hear a great deal.

And the chances are it was one which Dr Rowan Williams had ringing in his ears throughout his 10 year tenure as the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Because judging the success, or otherwise, of a major religious leader is very much a proverbial game of two halves.

On one side, you have the converted. They already buy into the ideals and expectations of your set of beliefs.

You preach to these people knowing they need simply reassurance that you understand them, you listen to them and you care for them. It is these who you need to gently manipulate in order to make your mark and to allow the Church to progress.

It is, however, a task which comes mired in difficulty and with challenges around every corner.

Get it wrong and you run the risk of ruffling feathers to the extent that too many start to squawk. And before you know it, you face nothing but a cacophony of negative noise and the endless sharp bites of pecking around your ankles. The trick is to be calm and cool and gently shepherd the flock.

But on the other, you have those in the community who don't consider themselves religiously 'active'. Who question or simply do not believe in God.

For them, as a consequence, the role of religion in modern society is, if not redundant, then certainly in a period of consultation about its future.

They will be only too aware of the influence of religion on cultures both home and abroad. They may even overlook the fact that religious ideals tend to underpin most communities. In short, they remain to be convinced that religion can be a force for good.

Depending on what side of that particular fence you perch will determine how you gauge Dr Williams in his role.

Certainly, the fall-out of the debate over women bishops saw an awful lot of squawking. Feathers were not so much ruffled as flapped so loud the whole world turned around to see what was happening. No one, not even Dr Williams despite his wholehearted support of women bishops, came out of it with any credit.

But, perhaps the biggest blow was the fact that prior to that Dr Williams appealed to those outside of the Church. His thoughtful reaction to significant social and political events were both brave, in as much as his status ensured they would receive blanket coverage and become exposed to potential ridicule, while also allowing him to reach out to the 'unconvinced' and enter a debate with a view they could connect with.



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Primarily because it tended to focus on general human behaviour rather than divine intervention.

Dr Williams may, ultimately, be judged by historians to have failed to deliver some significant and required change to the Church. His positive bridge-building beyond its traditional confines should not be overlooked however.

The masses who listened but tended not to believe, will not change overnight. The chances are, however, Dr Williams' influence may well be felt in decades to come.

Dr Justin Welby, his successor, will do well to consider the long-term benefits of a Church leader who can respond with genuine heartfelt compassion and is not afraid, just occasionally, to put his head above the parapet - or in this case his pulpit - and have the bravery and conviction to preach to more than the converted.

KOS COMMENT

Think of the damage excess booze is doing

THE fall-out from New Year celebrations is that most of us will swear off alcohol for January.

But there's usually another party coming up, or stress that can only be forgotten at the bottom of a wine glass.

The problem recognised in British culture is binge drinking; the Saturday boozy night out followed by hair-of-the-dog Sundays.

But the more disturbing problem is the drink here and there, the glass which ends up being a bottle. Your body can recover from a heavy weekend now and again, but it's harder to recover from the damage caused by frequent, daily drinking, which doesn't seem to - but should - worry the nation as much as binge drinking does.

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BEFORE Christmas I heard a news report announcing that the Reverend Canon Jim Fry, from Birchington, had publicly voiced his opposition to marriage equality.

This did not surprise me as I have known Canon Fry since I was a teenager; he is a decent, and honourable man with deeply held beliefs.

However, I wish to reassure him and other orthodox conservatives that they have nothing to fear from the introduction of equal marriage.

Religious bodies will not be forced to perform services; equal marriage is not about curtailing religious freedoms, it is about ensuring everyone has the right to marry the person they love.

In a truly free, modern and diverse society, all citizens should be equal before the law and parliament. No religious

or political affiliation should give advantages or disadvantages; religious believers are citizens with the same rights and obligations as anyone else.

I will continue to champion equality above discriminatory demands.

Cllr John Worrow, Birchington

Jukes' hazard for taxpayers

CONSERVATIVE communities secretary Eric Pickles has called for all town hall leaders to freeze council tax or face electoral defeat next May.

So what does Tory-run Tunbridge Wells Borough Council leader David Jukes do in response?

For the second year running, his cabinet calls for cash-strapped residents to fork out even more to subsidise his failing policies of delaying demolition of the old town centre cinema site.

I note that the axed Town

Hall development scheme will cost Tunbridge Wells taxpayers at least £663,000 more over coming years.

Local electors should take their cue from Mr Pickles and kick David Jukes and his Conservative cronies both in Tunbridge Wells and County Hall – who are calling for higher taxes – out of office at the earliest opportunity.

My Jukes' box jury is that as local residents continue to take even more of a financial hit, he definitely won't be missed as council leader.

Dr Alan Bullion, Tunbridge Wells

Barnes rides Trojan horse

WHY did the Lib Dems not put a candidate forward for the recent police commissioner position? Because they used Ann Barnes as their Trojan horse candidate.

As revealed in KOS (23/12/12) she will be

pressing home the Lib Dems' anti-car agenda.

Whatever statistics, surveys, and polls like to tell us, just look at the general speed of traffic in 30mph areas to see that even this speed limit is broken by nearly all drivers.

Reintroducing 20mph speed limits that were abandoned in 1930 as outdated is just not wanted, and can only be enforced by massive police presence or total camera surveillance.

Terry Hudson, Swalecliffe

Conserving cliffs' future

I WOULD like to thank all those who helped the White Cliffs Countryside Partnership in 2012.

In the past year, local people contributed more than 2,000 days to help conserve wildlife and improve footpaths.

It is only because of their enthusiastic assistance the White Cliffs Countryside

Partnership can achieve as much as it does.

There will be an expanded volunteer programme in 2013, and I would like to invite everyone to come along and help the environment.

Dr Kirk Alexander, project manager, White Cliffs Countryside Partnership

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And, over the last 40 years, Britain has been the brains in shaping Europe's foreign policy and voice in the world whether it is European enlargement, international climate change negotiations, free trade deals, development aid and support to Africa and Burma.

In every case, Britain has been at the helm in using the collective weight of the EU to promote our shared interests, export our values and help build a more stable and prosperous world.

It is little wonder the rest of Europe cannot understand the Euroscepticism in the UK at present. For in their view, Britain has won the vast majority of the big fights in Europe over the last 40 years.

And to the great benefit of Britain and Europe as a whole.

So as we reflect on the last 40 years, and Britain's long history of engagement in Europe, there is one overwhelming lesson; whenever Britain has hesitated and had self-doubts about engaging in Europe, it has always in retrospect been a huge mistake.

Catherine Bearder, MEP for South East England

Family tree has roots in county

I AM trying to trace anyone who would have known anything about my late husband's family, who originally came from Kent.

My husband, Alec Arthur Mitton, had a brother called Jack Mitton, and they lived in Hammersmith Broadway.

His father Arthur Mitton and wife Anne Agnes Mitton's families came from Kent.

Arthur and family left London to help with work on the Rolls Royce engines on the planes used in the war, and lived in Wiltshire for a few years.

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Alec left three daughters.
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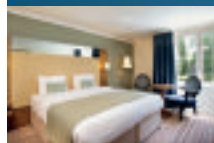
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KENT REMEMBERED



From local fisherman to international pirate

By Nick Ames

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STRANGE tales litter the pages of Kentish history – but few can be more unusual than the story of the Faversham fisherman who converted to Islam, became a pirate and lived in a North African palace where 15 waiters were on hand to serve his dinner.

The town's museum, the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre, contains details of the unusual career of John (also known as Jack) Ward, alias Yussuf Reis of Tunis, Corsair of the Barbary Coast. Another of his aliases, recorded at the time, was "Birdy" – an influence on the naming of Johnny Depp's screen pirate, Captain Jack Sparrow, according to some Muslim commentators.

Dr Arthur Percival, director of the Faversham museum says the date of his birth isn't known, but it was around 1553.

The respected historian says it is possible he was the John Ward who is recorded as living on the west side of Preston Street between December 31, 1573, and May 31, 1574, but by December 22, 1574, had moved to Court Street.

Ward started work as a fisherman before joining the Royal Navy becoming a petty officer on a vessel called the Lyon's (or possibly Lion's) Whelp, built in 1601.

But with around 30 other sailors Ward deserted, stealing a small ship from Portsmouth Harbour, and setting sail for the Isle of Wight, where he captured a ship called the Violet, which had been rumoured to



POWER: John Ward in 1610

be carrying treasure. Instead it was empty.

Undeterred, Ward and his seadogs captured a large French ship, re-naming her the Little John, and set sail for the Mediterranean, basing himself in Tunis after reaching an agreement with local ruler Uthman Bey.

By 1606 his flagship was a 28-gun vessel and his fleet crewed by 500 seamen – a combination of English, Dutch, Spanish and Turkish.

As well as prize vessels and their cargoes he would also capture their crews, recruiting them for his ships or selling them as slaves.

And in 1606 he achieved his greatest prize, capturing the Rubin, a 300-ton Venetian merchant ship out of Alexandria with a cargo of spices, material and 3,000 pieces of gold.

Ward, Dr Percival points out, must have been a superb seaman and commander as by 1610 his fleet numbered 15, his crews 1,500. But pamphlets back in England attacked him for turning to piracy, while some of his followers de-

nounced him for abandoning the crew of his ship Reniera e Soderina, which sank off Greece killing 250 Muslim and 150 English crewmen.

After a request from the Venetian government, England's King James I tried to bring the Faversham pirate's Mediterranean reign of terror to an end.

Ward offered to stop his attacks if he was given an amnesty and paid £40,000 – the equivalent of £40 million of today's money.

His offer was rejected and instead the Royal Navy sent a vessel, the Rainbow, to hunt him down. But its broadsides made no impression, and, as recorded in a contemporary ballad, Ward was not taken: "Our Royal King of England, Your ship's return'd again For Ward's ship is so strong, It never will be ta'en."

He reportedly died from the plague aged 70, in 1622, in his last years living in luxury in a 'faire Palace, beautified with rich Marble and Alabaster stones' with his Italian-born wife. Another wife in England occasionally received money.

A decade earlier his exploits had been recorded in a play called A Christian Turn'd Turk, by dramatist Robert Daborne.

But an English sailor who saw him in Tunis in 1608 was less flattering, calling Ward: "very short with little hair, and that quite white, bald in front; swarthy face and beard. Speaks little and almost always swearing. Drunk from morn till night... The habits of a thorough salt. A fool and an idiot out of his trade".



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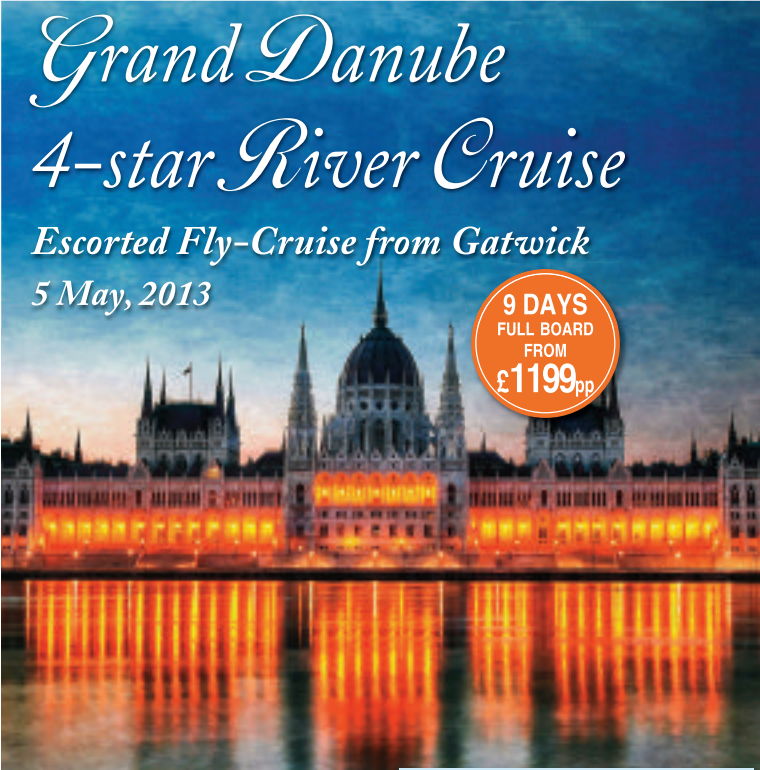
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TRANSPORT HISTORY

Hovercraft

When giants stirred our seas

Nick Ames learns more about what was seen as a remarkable technological advance in travel

TWO former pilots of the giant hovercraft that ploughed across the Channel from Pegwell Bay to France have joined forces to compile a history of one of the technical marvels unveiled in 1969. It was a landmark year for innovation, with the first flight of the Boeing 747, mankind's first moon landing and the birth of a concept now known as the internet.

And on April 2 Hoverlloyd ran its first service to Calais, kick-starting a technological revolution that would enable people to cross the Channel at speeds the like of which had never before been achieved.

On *A Cushion of Air: The Story Of Hoverlloyd And The Cross-Channel Hovercraft* documents the rise and fall of the service.

The work of former captains Robin Paine and Roger Syms, the book tells the story of the men and women who worked on the Swift, Sure, Prince of Wales and Sir Christopher – now seen as icons of late 60s to early 70s design technology. They could carry 280 passengers and 36 cars at speeds well above any current maritime service.

Mr Paine said he once got up to 84 mph – and there were unconfirmed reports of another hovercraft reaching 100 mph.

"We felt it was important to tell the whole story of hovercraft development in order to put the part played by Hoverlloyd into context," said Paine, who, together with his co-author once flew the huge SR.N4 hovercraft.

"Almost everyone knows about the cross-Channel hovercraft services that used to exist, but the actual story of Hoverlloyd and how it came into being tends to remain forgotten, or glossed over at the very least.

"While the Dover-based hovercraft got all of the attention, our new book details the original, trend-setting operation that had its birth at Pegwell Bay. It's important to remember that, if Hoverlloyd hadn't existed, there would not have been any cross-Channel hovercraft services.

"When the SR.N4 was designed, it



JOURNEY: The book tells the story of the cross-Channel hovercraft service

represented a leap from 37-tonne hovercraft to 150 tonnes. The Americans thought we were bonkers to try.

"And when operations started in 1969 the cost of fuel was ridiculously low – it was one shilling two pennies a gallon – about 1.5p (at current prices) a litre – and even in 1972 when there was a hike the service could still run.

"But then fuel prices rose dramatically and the 1940s technology which powered the hovercraft began to be far less cost-effective. The end of duty-free was another blow as operating margins were always very tight.

"Also the ferries switched from small vessels to much larger 20,000-tonners and with the increase in freight traffic operators were able to

offer hugely discounted passenger fares. The hovercraft could not compete and the final straw was the Channel Tunnel."

The book details the near-disasters, Government fall-outs and eventual success of the operations – before recalling the tale of the cross-Channel hovercraft's eventual demise, with the last services leaving Thanet in 1982 – although those from Dover continued for another 18 years.

The book begins with the history of hovercraft pioneers Saunders-Roe and their involvement as a result of the discovery by

Christopher Cockerell in 1953 that heavy weights could be supported on a cushion of low-pressure air and that the concept could be applied practically.

"There was a debate at first about whether a hovercraft was a ship or an aircraft," said Paine. "It was even mentioned in the Road Traffic Act as a 'vehicle'. Eventually an enabling act resulted in it being recognised as a hovercraft – a form of transport in its own right."

The book tells the stories of those who were there from the beginning with Cockerell's experimental hovercraft.

Coupled with a foreword by Prince Philip, the work documents an age in which innovation drove progress and private enterprise across the UK despite what the authors call the hindrance of poor governments, weak management and out-of-control unions.

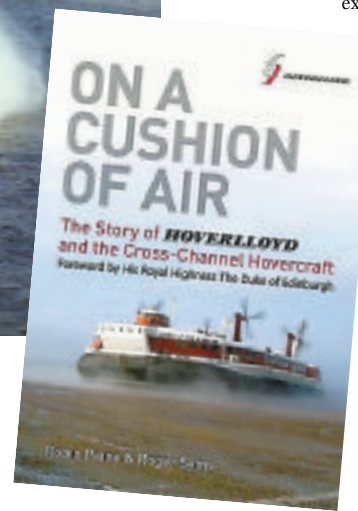
At its peak in 1978-1979, despite the high cost of fuel, Hoverlloyd was operating 27 daily half-hourly departures carrying 1.2 million passengers a year.

"While it is now just a memory, the hovercraft really was the pinnacle of cross-Channel transportation," Mr Syms.

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WIDOWER 70, lonely, fed up, seeks female for nights out, meals and friendship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 397875 ☺

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FOOD & DRINK **Flavours of Kent**

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Not just your average Italian, Mucini is flying a new flag

Picturesque Tankerton high street continues to strive for freedom in standing proud and alone from its 'Whitstable suburb' tag.

There have been good restaurants at the back of the beach slopes, but there have also been a couple of below-par establishments that helped set it apart, negatively, from trendy, bustling Whitstable.

Jofo's was one of the good ones and has now upped sticks to the seafront. In the high-street building vacated, a new Italian restaurant has sprung up, almost without notice.

With a neat seated patio area at the front, Mucini looks at home in the seaside town and the modern décor is warm and welcoming.

Inside there is room for no more than 25 to 30 covers, with the small gangway of tables being overlooked by the open kitchen area and head chef. It's always pleasing to see the master at work and it often suggests that what you are about to eat is both freshly made and of a certain quality. This proved to be the case.

Olives arrived on our table as our Christmas group of six ordered a varied selection of starting dishes to share. These included my two choices, firstly the polpetti al sugo – traditional home-made meatballs in a rich tomato ragu served on a bed of spinach. The meatballs were

RESTAURANT REVIEW



tender, escaping the dryness that can come when making sure the beef is cooked thoroughly, and gameroni guazzetto – king prawns sautéed with garlic in a chilli-and-tomato sauce.

The plate display was immaculate as the king prawns had their shells split so they would stand to attention out of the sauce. It also made them easier to eat with a fork – always a good plan.

Again the soft flesh was cooked to perfection and the garlic was not overbearing, but the chilli tomato sauce was almost overkill due to the expert delicacy of the rest of the dish.

The menu is not your usual Anglo-Italian style and features no pizzas whatsoever. There are instead meat and fish dishes tipped with a southern European heritage.

There are also some traditional pasta offerings and it was the seafood linguini vongole that took my attention. It featured clams, chilli and parsley in an olive-oil-and-white-wine sauce.

The linguini was soft but not sloppy – how I prefer my pasta – and others on our table who also had linguini concurred that it had been cooked excellently.

The sauce was nice, but the sting of garlic was very strong. I don't mind that so much – it's just that the people with whom I come into contact over the next 24 hours might do. I would have liked to have seen a few more clams in the pasta bed, but all in all this was a satisfying dish.

I finished with home-made warm dark chocolate with amaretto cream. Very rich and full of flavour – delicious but I'll try something else next time. The service was good, the atmosphere great and the food delightful. There will definitely be a next time.

Joe Bill

■ **Mucini**
209 Tankerton Road, Tankerton CT5 2AT
(telephone 01227 277726)

Popular seaside pub is put on the market

THE popular Barnaby Rudge public house in Broadstairs has been put up for sale.

The Albion Street venue, which first became a pub back in 1926, is well known for hosting live music and showing live sport. It will be placed on the market at £99,000.

The freehold house is also known for its highly popular golf society.

A regular at the pub, which lies just a short distance from Viking Bay, said: "I can't believe it's up for sale – it's in a really great location and plenty of people use it."

Being a free house, the Barnaby Rudge has offered a tremendous range of beers that drew lager- and bitter-lovers alike.

Fish school popularity a boost for Wheelers

THE popularity of Wheelers Oyster Bar in Whitstable has led to customers booking weeks in advance to bag a seat in the miniature high-street restaurant.

And with chef Mark Stubbs at the helm, the restaurant has become a Mecca for wannabe fish chefs looking for guidance in how to cook their treats from the sea.

Stubbs has taught students at Thanet College for the last 10 years, but now the Shoreline School of Cookery, run in the kitchens of Wheelers, shows how to prepare your own seafood meal, with one-day courses costing up to £140. Visit www.wheelersoysterbar.com.

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Monsters and zombies Exhibition of sci-fi art

Rochester Art Gallery and Craft Case

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ABSTRACT artist Matt Bray's work goes on display this month at the Rochester Art Gallery and Craft Case.

The exhibition, Being And Nothingness, brings together his key works to date, from dark, forlorn heroes and expressive portraits to a more fragmented figure.

Colourful sci-fi-inspired canvases see figures transformed, including trashy horror-movie monsters, neon zombies and dismembered android body parts.

Bray is studying for a PhD in fine art at the University of Kent and has a studio in Chatham's Historic Dockyard.

Admission to the exhibition is free.

Tempted by the music Paul Carrack

The Orchard, Dartford

Saturday, January 12
01322 220000
www.orchardtheatre.co.uk

LEGENDARY singer-songwriter Paul Carrack is bringing his guitar and hits to The Orchard to start the new year at the Dartford theatre.

The former frontman of Ace,

Squeeze and Mike And The Mechanics has penned hits like How Long, Tempted and The Living Years across a 40-year period.

Carrack's soulful voice is known to millions around the world and this show is bound to be something special as he is a key figure in British pop history.

Tickets to the Good Feelin' Tour cost between £28.50 and £38.50 plus a per-ticket booking fee.

Pre-show dining is also available with the head chef's new range of local dishes.



Mod masters These Kinks are real!

Tunbridge Wells Forum

Saturday, March 2
01892 557333
www.twforum.co.uk

DON'T be fooled by the Kast Off Kinks' name, which could be misinterpreted for yet another toiling tribute act.

The band include three former members of the iconic mod group, including Mick Avory, Ian Gibbons and Jim Rodford as well as Dave Clark on guitar and lead vocals.

Clark is no spare wheel, either, having worked with The Beach Boys and Noel Redding Band in the past.

Now together with the Kast Off Kinks, the group deliver a big compliment to the music of the British greats. Hear hits like You Really Got Me, Waterloo Sunset, All Day And All Of The Night, Lola, Sunny Afternoon, Days and so many more.

This is a rare treat for fans of an era of great rock music. Tickets are priced at £13 in advance.



The Rats are still twitching A time trap!

Astor theatre, Deal

Saturday, January 19
01304 370220
www.theastor.org

HAVING started as a hard-hitting, guitar-driven rhythm and blues band in Dublin in 1975, none of the Boomtown Rats could have predicted how far the band would go.

Still the driving force behind the group, Garry Roberts and Simon Crowe have put their powerful alliance together once again to reignite and develop the essence of their music.

OK, so they have lost Sir Bob Geldof to his task of saving the world, but the rest of the Rats continue to perform the classics like Rat Trap and I Don't Like Mondays, along with live favourites such as Joey's On The Street Again and Neon Heart.

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Dance through a musical tour Classic stuff!

**Assembly Hall Theatre,
Tunbridge Wells**
Thursday, January 24
01892 530613

CLASSICAL producer Raymond Gubbay has announced a new show, One Night in Vienna.

Building on the success of Gubbay's long-established and much-loved Johann Strauss Gala, the new show features showman conductor Rainer Hersch, who will take a light-hearted journey through a sparkling assortment of music and dance.

Audiences will be treated to the elegance of the Johann Strauss Dancers as they perform to some of the most romantic waltzes ever composed, including The Blue Danube, Radetzky March and Songs of Love.

Tickets are priced between £25.50 and £32.50. You can visit www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk for further details and to book.



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FOR the second year running, Margate's Winter Gardens is hosting the festival all the gamers want to go to: GEEK Expo 2013.

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There will also be talks and presentations from game-developers, sofa zones to play against friends, a pinball arcade and challenger tournaments.

For more information on times you can visit www.geek2013.co.uk.

Celebration of Jane Austen Just bonnets?

The Gulbenkian, Canterbury
Sunday, February 17
01227 769075
www.kent.ac.uk/gulbenkian

JESUS of Nazareth actor Robert Powell joins period-drama supremo Elizabeth Garvie to deliver a flavour of Jane Austen's world.

Garvie, who gave what

many regard as the definitive performance of Elizabeth Bennett in the BBC's version of Pride And Prejudice, and Powell share a celebration of the author's life.

This show is ideal for Austen fans who would like to know more about the figure behind the popular image of bonnets, tea and gentility.

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New book about sailing poet is a sea change for true-life tales

By Joe Bill

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AUTOBIOGRAPHIES are increasingly the hallmark of celebrity status these days, with just five minutes of fame on a reality TV show apparently warranting an entire novel of explanation. They are also seldom interesting.

That is not the case for Kay Pope. In her book *Cabo Trafalgar In The Moonlight*, the new author documents her marriage to the respected and much-loved novelist Dudley Pope as well as an intriguing life on the open seas.

Kay said of the book: "I feel my life has been one long journey, a travelogue of the places we lived and visited. We were many more years living on board a sailing boat than ashore.

"I describe our family life and work in England and Italy and among the West Indian islands in the Caribbean. My publisher has listed the book under autobiography, biography, travel, sailing, writing, publishing and romance!"

For 43 years, Kay was married to renowned Kent author Dudley Pope, who produced a string of nautical fiction novels, most notably the Lord Ramage series.

Dudley, who was born in Ashford, was greatly inspired by his friend C S Forester, who created the Hornblower fictional series.

Having worked both in the Merchant Navy

and as a journalist, Dudley married Kay before setting out on adventure sailing across the world while writing his stories.

She said: "Dudley was a sailor through and through. Some time after he left the Merchant Navy he became a weekend sailor and eventually bought his own boat long before we met.

"To cover the mortgage repayments he lived on board his tiny yacht on the River Medway at Hoo, with the easy daily train connection to London.

"Within a year of our courtship, he bought *Concerto*, an eight-metre racing yacht, and she became our first home together after we married. While we were courting, Dudley warned me he wanted to write books and sail round the world and, since I had similar dreams, there was never any question that we would not live on boats."

In 1997 the former Ashford Grammar School pupil passed away, leaving Kay at their home in the West Indies.

"During most of the first year after Dudley died, I talked incessantly about him to two friends when we sat on the beach after a swim. I was later told this was called the Crazy Widow Syndrome, but I found it comforting because it made me feel Dudley was still near me.

"After 10 months I flew to Australia to stay with my brother and his family and when I re-

turned, having accomplished that on my own, I felt I was ready to get on with my life.

"It was then that I decided to write all my memories down for our daughter Jane Victoria."

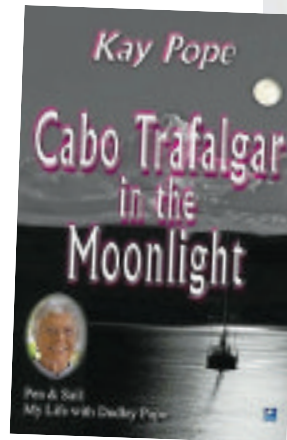
The book talks about many interesting aspects of both Dudley's and Kay's lives, including the story of how, when in the Merchant Navy, Dudley's ship was torpedoed and sunk.

The writer sustained an injured hand, which became infected with gangrene, and he spent many months in Ashford hospital, where he lost a finger to the infection.

"The first manuscript was focused on Dudley, quoting from his diaries written from 1952 until 1990. But this effort was rejected by Dudley's literary agent because it was too personal and



SAIL AWAY: Kay Pope and her new book



written for friends and family only.

"This second effort was better and the publisher said he wanted to go ahead with it. But he also wanted me to add more about myself, such as what I was doing during all those years and what I thought about things when they happened. It took more than 10 years, but the book was finally published."

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Your guide to making a better YOU in the new year

MOTORING

Do your homework before buying a new car

By Nick Ames

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ARE you looking to start 2013 by buying a new car? It's obviously a big purchase, so you need to ensure you get the right vehicle.

So here are 10 things to consider before you approach that smooth-talking salesman – and when negotiating in the showroom.

1. Ensure you really know what you want

What are your priorities? Are you always making the school run? Maybe a minivan is for you. Driving to work? An economy car might be better to save money on fuel. Touring plans? Make sure you have plenty of room for luggage.

2. Make sure the price is right

Set a budget to stop you splashing out on a car you can't afford. Check insurance rates on cars you're considering, as these can vary greatly.



3. Know what you can get for your old car

If you're trading in your old car, make sure you check the value before you negotiate.

If you still have a loan on your trade, find out exactly how much you owe – sometimes it makes more sense to drive your old vehicle a little longer

or sell it privately for a far better deal.

4. Check special offers

If you're buying a new car, look up the manufacturer website for rebates and special financing – these are incentives offered by the car's manufacturer, not the dealer. They don't cost the seller anything, so there is plenty of room for negotiation.

5. Take note of newspaper deals

Many dealerships advertise a car at a lower cost in a newspaper. If you walk into the dealership without the advertisement in hand, they'll quote you a higher price. Remember that, just like supermarkets have specials on certain foods to get you in the door, so do dealerships.

6. Don't show your hand

The first thing a dealer will do is ask you a lot of questions, trying to figure out what you're looking for.

You should answer honestly – a sales person is there to help – but don't tip your hand too soon. If you know they have the car you want for a good price but you're willing to spend more, don't tell. There's no need to talk numbers until you're ready to buy.

7. Use advertisements in your negotiations

Let's say you've found the perfect car, but you know another dealer is selling the same year, make and model for

less. Bring the advertisement to show that's the truth. Many salespeople will do a deal to keep your business.

8. Check the vehicle

Have someone you trust who is a good mechanic check the car to make sure it is in tip-top condition.

9. Be ready to walk away

If the dealer isn't meeting your needs or won't let a qualified person look at the car, walk away. There are other cars and other dealers out there. You did your homework, so don't be taken for a ride.

10. Beware of extras

You're ready to sign on the dotted line, but then you find a salesperson talking you into alarm systems, music-players and extended warranties. But think about it: the dealer wouldn't be making any money off these warranties unless any repairs cost them less in the end. Instead of paying for an expensive warranty, budget for repairs.

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AWARD

Nurse commended for her dedication to beauty offers a shining example

By Nick Ames

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AESTHETIC nurse Kelly Costello, who specialises in non-surgical anti-ageing treatments, has been singled out for a top award

The MyFaceMyBody Awards named her company Fill Your Face as highly-commended winners at the industry awards as health and beauty professionals gathered at the prestigious Landmark Hotel.

The evening had an international guest list as well as celebrities and some of the best dental and aesthetic practitioners in the world.

Kelly Costello of Fill Your Face came highly commended in the best mobile practitioner award.

"At first it didn't sink in as I didn't really realise what I had done and how important the

event was," said Kelly, who has practices in Whitstable and Rainham.

"I'd like to thank my customers as they were the ones who got me the award. It's all of us, not just me, who achieved the recognition."

Stephen Handisides, owner of MyFaceMyBody, said: "The competition was fierce, so even making the short-list was an accomplishment. These awards were voted on by consumers – the people actually using these products and services, so they mean so much more."

"I would like to thank everyone who attended – especially those who gave generously to our charity, Bridge2Aid."

"We have had more than 12,500 consumers voting for their favourite brands and more than 2,500 industry professionals involved in the awards. Our intention was to

create a glamorous and influential evening which also had credibility because it is voted on by consumers rather than industry insiders – and we certainly achieved that."

"The awards showcased the quality of Kelly Costello, of Fill Your Face, and demonstrated our popularity among consumers."

Kelly works with people aged from about 35 upwards – her oldest client is aged 96.

Recommendation comes via word of mouth and after an initial consultation results can be achieved in a short period of time.

"I find out what it is that people want and then we go on from there," said Kelly.

"I can offer a range of treatments and can ensure they are all geared to exactly what is required by the individual client."



ALCOHOL

Control the drinking!

ONE step towards a healthier lifestyle is taking control of drinking alcohol.

These tips come from Chris Simonite, senior admissions counsellor at the Clifton Clinic, a specialist drug and alcohol rehabilitation centre.

Taking them on board can make a big difference in deciding when and where to drink – and ensuring you are not over-indulging.

- 1) Keep a diary – monitor your drinking.
- 2) Be aware of high-risk situations – times when you are most likely to drink.
- 3) Try switching between alcohol and non-alcoholic drinks.
- 4) You can dilute your drinks.
- 5) If you are going to drink, eat a meal first.
- 6) Drink plenty of water throughout the course of the evening.
- 7) If you're drinking, set yourself a limit. Enforce this limit by restricting access to cash.
- 8) Be aware of seemingly innocent decisions that lead to a drink (for example, walking past the off-licence on the way home).
- 9) Give your bank cards to a friend or partner, so you don't have any excess money on you.
- 10) Be aware of bargaining (a little debate with yourself that persuades you to drink).



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Joanne Standen - "Kelly puts you at ease and her professional approach are reassuring and the results are great. She is always honest in what she can achieve and never gives false expectations."

Talita Wigg - "Kelly deals with great integrity, pride and passion. She always follows up on her appointments and makes sure that I am 100% satisfied. I have recommended her to so many of my friends who all love her work. Her results are perfect every time!"

Deborah Lovel - "It's so hard to find a competent aesthetic nurse, when you do find one however, you need to hold onto them! I went to one of the best Plastic Surgeons in London for a Rhinoplasty & would only have considered returning to him for further aesthetic treatments. Now I can travel 6 miles & have treatments on a par with his Clinic. I wish Kelly all the success she can have for her business, she certainly deserves it!"

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EXERCISE

Join the club and stick to your healthy resolutions

By Joe Bill

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WE find ourselves at the time of year when we make promises and invariably break them. But let's really do it in 2013 – let's make a plan to get fit and healthy and make sure we stick to it.

One of the top places in Kent to achieve our new goals is at the London Beach Country Hotel, which offers a vibrant health club and relaxing spa.

With its cutting edge Technogym equipment, including a Kinesis wall, the Tenterden health club offers members both short and long courses to help with weight loss and muscle tone.

The team also uses First Beat remote monitoring technology to help members get optimum results. In 2012 the club ran a 12-week charity weight-loss scheme to encourage members to shed a few pounds. For every kilo a participant lost in weight, the club donated £30 to charity, raising a total of £3,670.

The health club also runs classes in spinning, pilates and aquarobics. London Beach is



BEAUTIFUL ACHIEVEMENT: The stunning setting of the London Beach Country Hotel could be just the place to help you get more active

more than a health club as members enjoy many different activities, including art classes, a book club, computer club, running club and much more.

There are also discounts on food and drink in the hotel and on spa treatments, as well as other benefits.

The spa offers expert thera-

pists to pamper you and all the latest Clarins and ESPA treatments are available. It includes a large hydrotherapy pool with powerful water jets to ease

away tension and a saline infinity swimming pool. There are saunas and steam rooms and a ladies' relaxation area with jacuzzi and monsoon shower.

And for those of you looking to go one step further and take up a new sport, or even reconnect with an old hobby, London Beach has a beautiful parkland golf course.

The facilities are complete with putting greens, a 10-bay driving range and a shorter pitch-and-putt course. There is a thriving golf club and head professional Mark Chilcott offers golf tuition at all levels.

There are also residential golf-tuition breaks designed to improve your game with the help of a professional teacher.

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INTERIORS

Give your home a fresh, new look

THE New Year is a time to take stock of your surroundings at home and consider how they can be made even better.

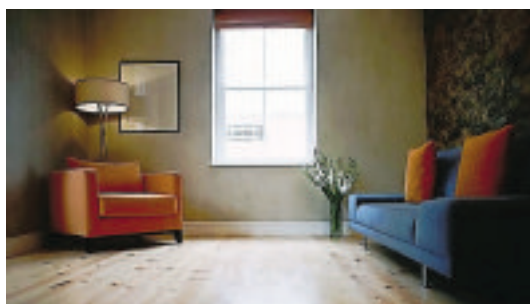
While moving to a new home is always an option, there is also a great opportunity when you are looking to the future to make a real change in your existing home.

It could be adopting a new theme to make your immediate surroundings more contemporary – or just making a few small changes to brighten and freshen things up. And there are always ideas available from top designers and home-improvement experts as to how this can be achieved.

The world is awash with interior-design ideas whether they be for living rooms, kitchens, going green, new products and a whole range of options to ensure every room in your home can look as chic as a New York loft apartment or as rustic as an 18th-century watermill.

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You can choose between antique or contemporary furniture, luxurious paints and



tiles, fantastically modern fixtures and fittings, kitsch bric-a-brac and window coverings or glamorous plantation shutters. The list is almost endless.

The beauty of interior design is that there are no boundaries – form and beauty can meet in function.

Designers are pointing to

2013 having a focus on the theme of 'essential'. Minimalist architecture, transparent, light and natural materials and pure geometric shapes are expected in the design outline.

The trend in interior decoration is towards interacting with communicative surfaces made of optical glass, acoustic materials or even walls with illuminating abilities. In 2013 technology and aesthetics will mix to the benefit of both.

But with a focus on 21st-century design trends comes a desire to look back towards a time when the home was in tune with its surroundings.

And that calls for the return of a natural look. Wood, plants and indoor gardens bring the promise of ever-more original designs to breathe the new life into living spaces.

So rooms become a melting pot of styles as natural materials meet glass, steel or plastic. The garden has become a great source of inspiration for designers who use accents to inject nature into the home – with conservatories and large windows allowing the natural world to come inside.



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EDUCATION

Put your career on the right track when you visit science open day

By Nick Ames

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HAVE you been considering a career in science? If so, now is the time to find out more.

A chance to learn about studying in the cutting-edge field of science this year comes early as the Kent Science Resource Centre (KSRC) is hosting an open day on Saturday, January 19, for students who are interested in taking a BSc (Hons) degree in life science laboratory technology starting in September 2013.

The open day will run from 9.30am to 1pm and include talks about what the degree course entails, examples of the experiments students will undertake and seminars on future career paths. There will also be a buffet available.

Julie Coleman, centre man-



ager at KSRC, which is based at Kent Science Park, Sittingbourne, said: "The degree itself is now in two parts – first students undertake a two-year foundation degree resulting in the award of FdSc. Then, once this is successfully completed,

they have the option of undertaking a third year, which converts their foundation degree into a BSc (Hons).

"There are several benefits for students undertaking their degree here, not least of which is the financial savings. Most



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university courses are now £9,000 for the year, but with us it's only £5,700. So over a three-year course students will save nearly £10,000."

The degree can also be studied on a part-time basis for mature students who need to balance their learning around an existing career or family commitments. Anyone interested in exploring this option is

also welcome at the open day.

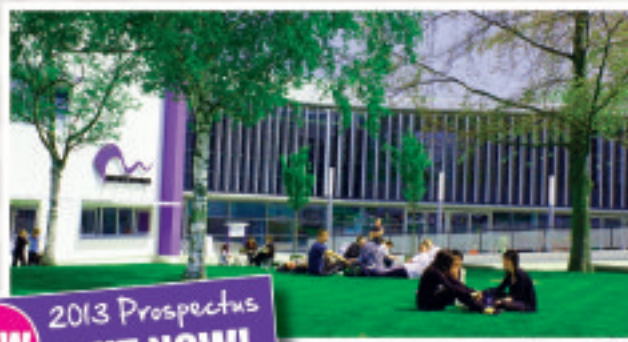
Julie said: "For one thing, we only accept a maximum of 15 students on the course, which means that you get much more attention from tutors and build stronger working relationships than you would if you were in a class with 100 other people."

"Our facilities are industry standard, as they're also used for business purposes, and we

have strong links with science companies, making work placements much more accessible.

"Most importantly in the current economic climate, all of our previous foundation degree students have gone straight into employment upon graduating – that's a 100 per cent record of students finding work in a science field."

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NEW 2013

RETIREMENT

Enjoy a new lease of life in your retirement when you downsize

By Nick Ames

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THE new year is a time for change – and one major move you can make is a new home.

For most of us, the thought of moving house is a testing time and it can be an even more daunting prospect if you're thinking about leaving your family home and downsizing.

Of course, saying goodbye to somewhere you've lived for a long time is bound to be difficult, but a local retirement development really can offer you a new lease of life.

Darwin Court, in Margate, has many residents who tell a similar story. After taking the plunge and buying a retirement property, starting afresh in a sociable environment that's within walking distance of a number of local facilities,

has been the best move that they have ever made.

It comprises 73 apartments, with an estate manager, Fran Fearn, who is employed on site and is responsible for the day-to-day running of the development as well as providing a welcoming, safe and secure environment for residents.

Residents benefit from a range of on-site facilities and services, including a communal lounge, garden, 24-hour staff presence and one hour a week of domestic assistance.

A restaurant is available for lunchtime meals. Emergency pull-cords are in the communal areas as well as individual apartments for any resident who requires assistance.

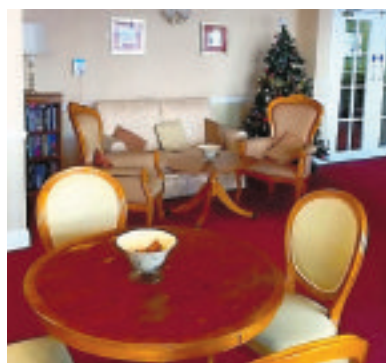
The emphasis at Darwin Court is on independent living. Residents are highly sociable, with a number of activities on

offer, including coffee mornings, indoor bowls and cards. Residents can join in with as many or as few activities as they wish.

Fran said: "We're in a wonderful, secure location here. A bus stop and National Express stop are right outside our development. A doctors' surgery is a short walk away and a number of supermarkets are within easy reach. All major supermarkets and the milkman deliver direct to front doors.

"At Christmas we had a particularly enjoyable time, with the mayor visiting us.

"Moving into a private retirement apartment can be daunting, especially if you're on your own, but most of our residents have been in that position previously and have positively thrived since coming here."



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LOOKING for a new home in 2013? A new development in Chartham could be just what you need.

The Pentland Homes development of 25 properties has already attracted interest from families, with the first phase of homes released having prices ranging from £249,500-£472,000.

Kingfisher Place is located by the River Great Stour and surrounded by the Kent Downs, a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The village has a school and shops, with excellent access to Canterbury and Ashford.

Janet Burnell, sales and marketing director, said: "There is a desperate need for new homes in Kent and we can only expect this to worsen over the coming years unless steps are taken.

"Pentland Homes is passionate about building high-quality homes, and our new development, Kingfisher Place, is a lovely site offering a real mix of properties to suit families of all sizes.

"We've seen high interest, with several 'early bird' reservations, despite the fact the homes aren't built yet, so we expect a flurry of interest following our show-home opening."

The scheme comprises a variety of two-, three-, four- and five-bedroom homes with external characteristics to suit their traditional heritage, including oast-style features and farm-style properties with black-and-white weatherboard.

The properties vary in size and layout, but all have fully-fitted kitchens with a range of appliances, bathrooms with white sanitaryware and underfloor heating on the ground floor.

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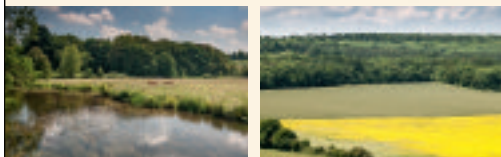
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HOUSING

Property prices expected to rise as we go into 2013

By Nick Ames

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PROPERTY values look likely to increase by a small amount throughout 2013 as the market stabilises after four years of gloom and slump – indicating an upturn in the economy.

Businesses say that they are more upbeat than they were 12 months ago about prospects – with the housing market seen as the most reliable indicator of the state of the country's finances.

Increases in investment and job-creation are all looking more positive than they were last year, say members of the county's business community.

Knight Frank/Markit's House Price Sentiment Index (HPSI) signals that average house prices fell for the 30th consecutive month in December.

But the survey by a property-investment company and a financial-analysis firm indicated that, on average, UK households expected prices to rise modestly in 2013.

There are also regional differences, with Kent homeowners more optimistic than any except for those in Lon-

don and – for the first time – south-west England.

Most types of households are optimistic that prices will edge upwards, including those who own outright or with a mortgage, and those renting a property.

The exception is those living rent-free, for example at home with their parents, who are gloomy about the prospect of price rises this year.

This is also reflected in the age breakdown of respondents to the UK-wide study, which shows that all but those in the 18-24 age band expect prices to rise next year.

Gráinne Gilmore, head of UK residential research at property firm Knight Frank, said: "It is becoming increasingly clear that the housing market in the UK is not a homogenous entity.

"While looking at average house-price movements can be useful for looking at broad trends in the market cycle, price movements are becoming more localised, a situation which is only exacerbated by the current constrained activity in the market.

"As this data shows, it is not a sim-

ple case of North vs South when it comes to the current outlook for house prices.

"While the outlook



MIXED OPINION:

While many believe house prices will rise in the coming year, those not already on the ladder in the 18-24 age range are much less optimistic

for house-price rises among households in the majority of regions is a positive note on which to end 2012, the large regional splits show that the housing market is far from recovered, especially heading into an economically uncertain 2013."

Chris Williamson, chief

economist at financial business Markit, said: "Households still perceive the current value of their properties to be falling on average, although sentiment over the last two months has been the least negative for two-and-a-half years, suggesting the housing market is at least moving in the right direction.

"Hopefully the Funding for Lending Scheme will help to perk the market up further in coming months, meaning 2013 will be a better year for the housing market in terms of both prices

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Take a risk or two if you're to thrive in 2013

By Nick Ames

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THERE is no denying that 2012 was a tough year for Kent's business community.

However, it could be that the green shoots of recovery are just breaking through the surface – and, while it may not be evident across the whole of the economy, there is good news if you're prepared to take a risk and invest.

The Creative Quarter in Folkestone, the regeneration of Discovery Park, Sandwich, and investment in Medway are all big pluses for Kent.

And the latest research by the Federation of Small Businesses shows small firms are displaying "cautious optimism" heading into the new year and a greater level of confidence compared with the same time last year. Nevertheless, analysts say that weighing against any optimism are the cost pressures still facing small businesses.

Those sectors that rely on discretionary spending are struggling as incomes remain squeezed. Almost two-thirds of respondents cite the weak domestic economy as a block to achieving their growth aspirations.

The FSB says it hopes that the increase in capital allowances announced at the Autumn Statement means this number will increase. Al-

lowing small firms to invest up to £250,000 into their business without paying tax will hopefully provide enough of an incentive to bring forward investment plans.

Despite this cautious optimism, the FSB warns that the environment in 2013 will remain challenging as inflation and energy prices continue to affect both households and small businesses' finances – meaning businesses must make the right decisions when it comes to investment in products or people.

Roger House, FSB chairman, Kent and Medway, said: "In Kent our FSB Small Business Autumn 2012 Barometer revealed a greater proportion of small businesses in the county increased their sales, profits and staffing in 2012 and that a greater proportion forecast improved prospects for 2013.

"However, there is still more to do – especially around accessing finance. While more small firms have been accepted this quarter, it is clear from our research that others continue to struggle. Previous recessions have shown that demand for finance is at its highest during the recovery stage. The independent SME finance monitor concluded that businesses are not confident that the banks will lend to them."

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BE BOLD:

Firms can be too cautious when it comes to increasing headcount or investing in capital projects

Lloyds TSB Commercial also contains some good news, showing that optimism is at its strongest level since the economy came out of the initial recession in 2009, driven in particular by stronger profit expectations but also by a better outlook for sales and orders.

Gareth Oakley, regional director, said: "It is good to see that businesses in the South East have managed to work through the tough economic headwinds of the last couple of years and have a rather more positive outlook for 2013.

"However, many firms are still cautious and not investing in increasing their headcount or on key capital projects. It will be improvements in competitiveness and market development that will ensure that the UK economic recovery is sustainable. Investing now could pay dividends for companies' profit margins in the future."

Law firm's leading role in helping theatre benefit from legacy gifts Company digs using 'hangar' for creation of all-new robot

THE Marlowe Theatre Development Trust has teamed up with Kent law firm Furley Page to enable supporters to leave a lasting and tax-efficient legacy to the Canterbury venue.

Charities, including The Marlowe Theatre Development Trust, can benefit when people draft their wills in the most tax-efficient way, which is why Furley Page has been asked to run Legacy Giving seminars hosted at the theatre.

Paul Barrett, chairman of The Marlowe Theatre Fundraising Development Group, said that for many people a legacy gift represents one of the few opportunities to make a major donation in support of a cause that means a lot to them.

He said: "Leaving a gift in your will to the trust will ensure your love of theatre will live on through the work of The Marlowe Theatre for future generations to enjoy.

"Your legacy will enable the trust to support The Marlowe Theatre in



CENTRE STAGE: The Marlowe Theatre

areas of greatest need, whether it be for youth theatre, creative projects with schools, the staging of a piece of new writing or the commissioning of a new opera."

The £26 million theatre opened in October 2011 and attracted 325,000 visitors in its first year. The 1,200-seat theatre boasts a thriving Friends section, with more than 12,000 members.

KENT Science Park-based PlantWorks has developed a production robot – a departure for the company, which is best known for its gardening products.

Work on the project took place in a building nicknamed 'the hangar' due to it being a similar size and shape to an aircraft hangar.

Robert Patten, managing director, said: "The hangar is an excellent building and has been absolutely perfect for this project.

"Because it is more than 100 metres long yet has three-phase power and water, it was ideal for this type of construction.

"It also looks extremely impressive, so our clients were suitably awed when we brought them down to show them their robot for the first time."

James Speck, site director at the science park, spoke about the development of the robot and the help his team had given PlantWorks.

He said: "The hangar is a unique building and we're delighted we could



CHANGE: PlantWorks created new robot

offer it to Robert and his team to give them the room to undertake this project.

"We try to assist our tenants to drive their businesses forward and are pleased to have been able to help PlantWorks.

"Knowing Robert as we do, we feel sure this is just the beginning of many spin-offs from their business.

"It again highlights the innovative technology taking place right here on the park."

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We'll go it alone... half of students plan start-ups

By Nick Ames

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ALMOST half of UK graduates and students in the South East (48 per cent) aspire to setting up their own business after leaving university, according to research from Lloyds TSB Commercial looking towards the next 12 months.

And more than half of the region's graduates (53 per cent) and more than two-fifths of students (46 per cent) who want to start up hope to do so in the next five years.

The research was commissioned as part of the launch of the annual Lloyds TSB Commercial Enterprise Awards, which scours the nation for Britain's best university and graduate businesses.

All entrants will be considered for two titles – Best Start Up, which will be awarded to a business in its early stages, and Best Enterprise, which will be awarded to the business judged to show real potential to grow over the next five years to become a recognised SME within its respective sector.

Despite the popularity of running a business as a career, there was a clear feeling that more could be done to support aspiring start-ups.

For example, eight out of 10 students and graduates (83 per cent) in the region think that there should be more advice available at university.

And more than two-thirds (68 per cent) of graduates feel there should be more teaching of business skills at school, with a similar number believing that these skills should also be taught.

Phil Beales, Kent area director, said: "Start-up businesses and small and medium-sized enterprises are the absolute lifeblood of the UK economy and so it is very encouraging that there is such a strong appetite among both the student



DREAM: Many young people want to set up on their own

and graduate community across London and the South East to set up businesses.

"Having more local businesses will provide a real boost to the region's economy, and it is our

role to assist those budding entrepreneurs on this journey by providing the appropriate funding and mentoring to get them off to a good start."

TAX

Eateries under the spotlight

RESTAURANT-OWNERS are being targeted by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), a financial expert has warned.

Robert Littlefield, who runs TaxAssist Accountants in Ash, said: "Restaurant-owners in Kent can expect spot-checks and intensive scrutiny of their business records as they become the next focus for the tax man."

"HMRC's latest taskforces are part of a national campaign which they say is on target to recover more than £50 million in taxes. HMRC are focusing on those they think are deliberately breaking the rules."

"Provided they have all the right procedures, records and proof of income and expenditure in place, Kent restaurant-owners can protect their legitimate earnings and show the tax inspector the door."

CASH



Loans to help young on way

KENT Foundation for Young Entrepreneurs has won a Government-backed contract to offer the latest start-up loans to young entrepreneurs.

The Start-Up Loans project has registered with the foundation to be its delivery partner in the county.

Kent Foundation already offers a range of targeted support to young and potential entrepreneurs and this additional service will add start-up loans for 18- to 24-year-olds to the package.

Director Paul Barron said: "We've been negotiating for this service for a few months. It has become an invaluable opportunity for young entrepreneurs around the country – largely in the North and Midlands – but now we can create the same opportunity across Kent."

"We're very proud that this Government-backed scheme has recognised the valuable work we do at Kent Foundation."

"To gain this high-profile service has been a real team effort."

TENDERING

Rubbish services contract awarded to keep city clean

THE contract to collect waste and clean the streets in Canterbury district from April 1 2013 has been awarded to Serco following a tender process.

Canterbury City Council will be introducing a new waste-collection system that will include fortnightly doorstep collection of glass for the first time and a return to weekly collections of food waste.

Detailed work will now take place with Serco on the implementation of the project in areas such as the size and type of wheelie-bins or boxes with which residents will be provided, roll-out dates and a comprehensive publicity campaign.

Larissa Laing, head of neighbourhood services, said: "This is one of our most high-profile contracts providing essential services to our residents."

"The tender process has allowed us to create a high-quality service while achieving excellent value for money for taxpayers."

FOOD PRODUCTION

Pear harvest exceeds expectations as growing concept put to the test

THE 2012 harvest of the East Malling Concept pear orchard has exceeded national average results after successfully producing 18.71 tonnes of Class 1 fruit from one hectare.

Despite being in only its fourth leaf and third harvest, the orchard produced an average of 78.1 per cent Class 1 fruit across the four growing systems, according to its end-of-year results.

Adrian Padfield, chief executive of East Malling Limited, said: "The harvest results clearly show that, despite all mother nature threw at it this year, the Concept pear orchard still produced a strong crop."

"Once again it was ahead of the industry standard at this stage of its development, and successfully producing several years before a traditionally-planted Conference pear orchard would deliver a commercial crop."

"We believe there is a strong case for investing in intensive pear production



GROWING WELL: The concept pear orchard has had a successful harvest

and adopting the same growing techniques used by the estate team."

The Concept pear orchard was developed with Sainsbury's by Chingford Fruit Ltd, part of AG Thames based near Dartford, in partnership

with East Malling Ltd, and exceeded the national production average in just two-and-a-half years, after being planted in March 2009.

Graham Caspell, commercial farm manager, said: "Challenging best describes this year for pear-growers. However, despite the weather, pear drop and temperature, we experienced a small increase in production compared with the 2011 harvest."

This year East Malling has also seen the first harvest of its Sweet Sensation pear orchard, almost 19,000 trees planted on seven hectares in partnership with AG Thames.

The 18 tonnes of Sweet Sensation pears were put into coldstore before being graded, packed and despatched to Sainsbury's stores.

The investment is part of the Sainsbury's pledge to increase English fruit production to meet customers' demands for British produce rather than imports.

Training, courses and careers

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A LIMITED number of courses are set to start at MidKent College at the start of the new year.

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Some are subject to entry criteria and there could be some financial help for those aged between 16 and 18 and others if they receive certain benefits.

Among those starting at Medway includes vocational skills – visual and creative arts (level 1); diploma in graphic design (level 2); certificate in an introduction to the hair and beauty sector (level 1); and NVQ in performing engineering operations (PEO) (manufacturing) (level 1).

At Maidstone, students can study for their certificate in multi-crafts (entry level 3); customer services (level 1); as well as qualifications in plumbing, electrical installation, hair and beauty, and office administration.

Vice principal for curriculum Sue McLeod said: "Every young person is assigned a personal tutor who is not part of the academic staff, and they are there to guide and support them through all their studies."

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Students rise to the challenge of making their designs green

IN A bid to answer worries about using up the planet's natural resources, a project is well under way to come up with new ways of making art and design greener.

Designer Wayne Hemmings launched the University for the Creative Arts' entrepreneurial programme that asks students to use their art and design skills in an enterprising way and invent a new sustainable product or service.

After its launch, it was revealed more than 600 students have already signed up to the Creative Challenge.

And for the first time, the programme involves free workshops with leading entrepreneurs and businesspeople.

UCA honorary graduate, Mr Hemmings, said: "This is a way to get art and design students to think about the entrepreneurial and business skills they'll need to transform their great ideas into a successful business."

"It's great to see big names from the industry getting involved in a university programme like this because we all need to work together to nurture the next generation of talent and keep up the UK's reputation as the world's creative industries leader."

An example of what can be achieved with real



LAUNCH: Wayne Hemmings speaks at the event, which is already popular

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world applications is last year's winner.

Architecture student Anna Berkman came up with an eco-friendly phone charger that could save millions around the world in wasted power.

After taking the £1,000 top prize, along with a work experience placement at a top London-based architect, she is now developing her idea to make a prototype.

Uwe Derksen, head of Creative Challenge, said: "We have changed the programme this year by offering a series of personal and professional development workshops so even more people can gain free creative and sustainable enterprise and business skills. We want our students to embed the ethical values of people, planet and profit in their creative ideas and entrepreneurial strategies."

"More than 600 people have already signed up – around 10 percent of the student population – which is fantastic for such a new element

of the Creative Challenge."

The challenge is open to students from all five UCA campuses. Nearly 40 businesses and organisations offered their services for free during this year's Creative Challenge.

Dr Simon Ofield-Kerr, UCA vice-chancellor, said: "I think it's great that we have an eco-innovation programme at UCA and I think we should place the Creative Challenge at the centre of the university and make it something that is unique about UCA."

"I am pleased to see so many people from the industry who want to get involved with UCA – part of the history of British art and design education. The industry wants to engage and support new talent."

Martin Charter is director of UCA's Centre for Sustainable Design. He added: "I think it's excellent that sustainability is at the heart of the Creative Challenge because it's a growing area and major companies are interested in eco-innovation. I think the programme will really give our students a head-start when they graduate."

Visit www.creativechallenge.info to find out more about the challenge.

Take A Look at the Plans for the Power Hub, St Peter's Street, Maidstone

Baltic Wharf (Maidstone) Ltd, is putting forward proposals for a mixed use development of food retail, offices and leisure facilities.

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Drama gives new direction to autism research project

STUDENTS at the University of Kent are getting the chance to see exactly how drama-based activities assist those suffering from autism.

The new research project, which sets out to explore just how it could play a key role in helping autistic children communicate, socialise and play imaginatively, was launched at the university.

Autism expert Emily Christensen, from Arizona, said there are 10 major signs of autism, including repetition, communication, interaction and perseverance.

Taking this on board, the Imagining Autism project sees performers working with three different special schools in Kent to create magical sensory environments using puppetry, objects, light, sound and digital media. Children at the schools will be encouraged to dream, play and explore and hopefully find new ways of connecting

with the world around them.

The study will include psychology and autism experts from the university, who will evaluate the impact of drama interventions on 18 children during the 30-month project.

Helping with the costs, a £350,000 grant came from the Arts and Humanities Research Council. This ensures collaboration between the university's School of Arts and School of Psychology as well as its Tizard Centre and Gulbenkian Theatre.

Results from the research could lead to a full-scale trial and may also prompt changes in approaches to other communication disorders in children.

Principal researcher Dr Nicola Shaughnessy, of the School of Arts, said: "Autism affects as many as one in 100 people in the UK but there is no cure and no single effective intervention.

"Imagining Autism is a scientific and systematic evaluation of whether drama interventions can have positive effects on autistic children."

"The aim is for this research to have future benefits for related conditions and I'm sure its results will be of interest to those working in a range of areas including theatre, health, education and social services, as well as families and carers with experience of autism."

Senior lecturers in drama Dr Shaughnessy and Dr Melissa Trimmingham will lead the project, together with autism expert Dr Julie Beadle-Brown, of the Tizard Centre, and cognitive psychologist Dr David Wilkinson, of the School of Psychology.

The project team will make use of a range of measures to evaluate the impact of the performance activities on three groups of six autistic primary school children.



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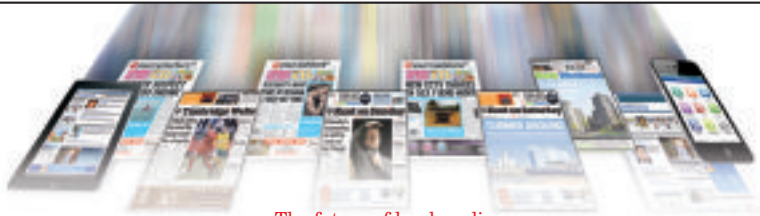
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PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS**NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR338A IN THE PARISH OF WESTERHAM**

PUBLIC FOOTPATH SR338A (PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012 ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984, SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has temporarily closed Public Footpath SR338A, between Croydon Road and the stile at the boundary with Surrey from the 31st December 2012

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that an extension will be applied for and it will not re-open for two years.

The path is to be closed because a temporary compound for a batch concrete plant and recycling associated with the M25 are planned on it and there is a likelihood of danger to users

The alternative route is north, along the inside of the field hedge bordering Croydon Road, to the southern boundary of Old Gaysham Cottages then west along the southern side of the field boundary to the stile at the border with Surrey and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact: Mrs N Biddall Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF SWALE**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH ZR24 (PART) UPCHURCH) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above named Order made on 26 November 2012 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered ZR24 which commences at NGR TQ 84491 66690 (Point A) and runs in a east north easterly direction for 149 metres to its connection with the unaffected section of public footpath ZR24 and public footpath ZR23 at NGR TQ 84624 66759 (Point B) and will add a new length of public footpath numbered ZR24 which commences at NGR TQ 84491 66690 (Point A) and runs in a east south easterly direction along an access track for 107 metres to NGR TQ 84586 66643 (Point C). The path then leaves the access track and runs in a north easterly direction for 34 metres to NGR TQ 84611 66665 (Point D) and thence in a northerly direction for 95 metres to its connection with the unaffected section of public footpath ZR24 and public footpath ZR23 at NGR TQ 84624 66759 (Point B)

The new length of public footpath ZR24 has a width of 3 metres for a distance of 107 metres as it passes along the access track (between NGR TQ 84491 66690 (Point A) and NGR TQ 84586 66644 (Point C). The new length of path then reduces in width to 2 metres for the remainder of its length.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Sonia Coventry at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 221512) (email: sonia.coventry@kent.gov.uk) not later than 04 February 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS**NOTICE OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981**

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH WC21 (PART) GOUDHURST) PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2012

The above named Order made on 26th November 2012 under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered WC21 which commences to the west of The Glade, Old Park Wood at NGR TQ 74680 38046 (Point A) and runs in a easterly direction for 192 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of public footpath WC21 - 33 metres from its connection with the public footpath WC15 and the access track at NGR TQ 74867 38078 (Point D), and will add a new length of public footpath numbered WC21 which commences to the west of The Glade, Old Park Wood at NGR TQ 74680 38046 (Point A) and runs in a north north easterly direction for 33 metres, a north easterly direction for 100 metres to its connection with an access track and public footpath WC18 - which forms part of the diversion - at NGR TQ 74757 38151 (Point B). The path then turns to run - along the access track - in a east south easterly direction for 63 metres to NGR TQ 74818 38134 (Point C), where the path leaves the access track. The path then turns to run in a south easterly direction for 3 metres to NGR TQ 74820 38132 (Point X) where it crosses a sleeper bridge - over a drainage ditch - for a distance of 2 metres. The path then continues in a south easterly direction for 68 metres to its connection with the unaffected length of public footpath WC21 - 33 metres from its connection with the public footpath WC15 and the access track at NGR TQ 74867 38078 (Point D). As shown on the Order Plan. Please see Part II of the Order for details relating to widths.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS or at the Kent County Council, Countryside Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX, during office hours. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to [Sonia Coventry] at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 221512) (email: sonia.coventry@kent.co.uk) not later than 04 February 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

Please note that objections/representations cannot be treated as confidential and may come into the public domain. Copies of any objections or representations received may be disclosed to interested parties, including the Planning Inspectorate where the case is referred to it for determination.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

Countryside Access Service
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 1XX

Dated: 6th January 2013

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

CHURCH LANE, ALDINGTON (30 MPH SPEED LIMIT)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the public and workforce during construction works, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 30 mph on Church Lane, Aldington, in the vicinity of Sellindge Converter Station.

This takes effect on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 18 months or until the works have been completed.

The section of road affected is from a point 100 metres north of the M20 overbridge southwards to a point 150 metres south of the railway bridge.

The speed limit will be clearly indicated by traffic signs when in operation during the works period.

PLUMPTON AND GOODCHEAP LANE, HINXHILL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of ongoing works to install a new electricity supply cable, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Plumpton and Goodcheap Lane, Hinxhill, on or after 7 January 2013 as shown below.

PLUMPTON, HINXHILL will be closed from 7 January 2013 for up to 2 weeks.

The closure is between the junctions with Hinxhill Road and Bockham Lane

The alternative route is via Hinxhill Road, Spelders Hill, The Street, Amage Road, Brabourne Road and Hampton Lane.

GOODCHEAP LANE, HINXHILL will be closed from 14 January 2013 for up to 2 weeks.

A further 2-week closure will also be necessary within the following 2 months, to be notified, advised locally and signposted on site.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route is via Blackwall Road, Blackwall, Naccolt Road and Hinxhill Road.

WAREHORNE LEVEL CROSSING, WAREHORNE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Warehorne Level Crossing, Warehorne, from Sunday 27 January 2013 at 08:00 hrs until Monday 28th January 2013 at 04:00 hrs.

Church Road, Warehorne will be closed at the Level Crossing.

The alternative route is via B2067 Kenardington Road, Appledore Road, Church Lane, Firs Lane, Hogg Lane and Arrowhead Lane.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY

BELMONT ROAD, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY
RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Belmont Road, Whitstable, on or after 21 January 2013 for up to 3 months, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in phases for its entire length, as signposted on site, and notified locally.

The alternative routes are via B2205 Canterbury Road, Saddleton Road and Grimshill Road

or via Old Bridge Road, The Bridge Approach, Castle Road, Teynham Road, Railway Avenue, Cromwell Road and B2205 Oxford Street.

During the final phase, it may be necessary to close Swanfield Road at its junction with Belmont Road. Should this be the case, the alternative route is via B2205 Canterbury Road and Harwich Street to Swanfield Road.

ROPER ROAD, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

To allow the use of a mobile crane to remove a tower crane, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Roper Road, Canterbury, on or after 27 January 2013 for up to 1 day, between 07:00 hrs until 00:00 hrs (midnight).

If weather prevents these works going ahead on the planned date, they will be deferred until one of the following 2 Sundays.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of the junction with St Dunstan's Street.

The alternative route is via Azgo St Dunstan's Street, Forty Acres Road and Beverley Road.

STATION ROAD, WHITSTABLE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of sewer repair works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road, Whitstable, on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 4 weeks, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Westgate Terrace and The Sidings.

The alternative routes are:

Southbound via Westgate Terrace, Westmeads Road and Diamond Road

Northbound via Diamond Road, Reservoir Road and Westgate Terrace

Highways - Borough of Dartford and
District of Sevenoaks

VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD, DARENTH AND SOUTH
DARENTH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made Order restricting the use by vehicular traffic on Various Roads in Dartford, Darenth and South Darenth as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 20th January 2013 and 19/01/2014, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the event is planned to last 1 day between 09.00hrs - 12.00hrs. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

Schedule 1

Road name: Darenth Road, Dartford
Extent: Southbound from David Lloyds Entrance
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes

Road name: Powdermill Lane, Dartford
Extent: Between its junctions with Darenth Road and Warwick Way
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes

Road name: Warwick Way, Dartford
Extent: Between its junctions with Powdermill Lane and Hawley Road
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes

Road name: A225 Hawley Road, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Warwick Way and Parsonage Lane
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 15 minutes

Road name: Parsonage Lane, Hawley/Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Hawley Road and Roman Villa Road.
Diversion: Signed Diversion route from Parsonage Lane roundabout to Darenth Hill roundabout (and vice versa) via Hawley Road, Princes Road and Green St Green Rd and the reverse
Road will be closed from 9.40 till 9.55

Road name: Darenth Hill, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions Green Street Green Road.
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road
Road will be closed from 9.40 till 9.55

Road name: Roman Villa Road, Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Darenth Hill and Holmesdale Hill
Diversion: A225 Hawley Road and A225 Princes Road

Road name: Rabbits Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Shrubbery Road and Canada Farm Road
Diversion: Shrubbery Road, Holmesdale Hill, St Margarets Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road name: Gills Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Holmesdale Hill and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road

Road name: Wilson Lane, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Gills Road and Rabbits Road
Diversion: B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road

Road name: Canada Farm Road, South Darenth
Extent: Between its junctions with Three Gates Road and B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: Valley Road, Fawkham Road and B260 Green Street Green Road

Road name: St Margarets Road, Darenth ONE WAY
Extent: from Homesdale Hill
Diversion: To B260 Green Street Green Road
B260 Green Street Green Road, A225 Princes Road, A225 Hawley Road, A225 Main Road and Devon Road

Road name: St Margarets Road, Darenth
Extent: closed at its junction with B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: No diversion required closure will be in place for 10 minutes

Road name: Trolling Down Hill B260
Extent: Between its junctions with B260 Green Street Green Road
Diversion: via Princes Road, Lowfield Street, A225 Hawley Road, Parsonage Lane and Darenth Hill B260 Green Street Green Road.
Between 10.10 and 11.30

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the event, Les Witton Dartford 10KM

HIGHWAYS - DOVER

DURBAN CRESCENT, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Durban Crescent, Dover, on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in 2 phases, as shown below.

The initial phase is the closure in the vicinity of the southern junction with Melbourne Avenue, from 7 January 2013 for up to 3 weeks.

The second phase is the closure in the vicinity of the northern junction with Melbourne Avenue, from 28 January 2013 for up to 3 weeks.

The dates of the phases are approximate guidelines which may vary subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact dates will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

Access remains from the opposite end of Durban Crescent, or via Melbourne Avenue and Natal Road.

SANDWICH LEVEL CROSSING, SANDWICH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sandwich Level Crossing, Sandwich, from 12 January 2013, as shown below.

New Street, Sandwich will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

The alternative route is via New Street, Harnet Street, Strand Street (plus High Street, The Chain and Galliard Street in reverse), Ash Road, A256 Sandwich Bypass, A258 Deal Road and New Street.

The planned closure times are from Saturday 12 January 2013 at 00:35 hrs until Sunday 13 January 2013 at 04:50 hrs.

HIGHWAYS - MAIDSTONE

BACK STREET, LEEDS, MAIDSTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of cabling works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Back Street, Leeds, Maidstone, on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Forge Lane to Avery Lane.

The alternative route is via Horseshoes Lane, B2163 Upper Street/Lower Street, Forge Lane.

(HAM LANE, LENHAM, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(7.5 TONNE WEIGHT RESTRICTION)
ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections

1 and 2 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (hereinafter called the Act), and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, intends to make the following Order:

PROHIBITION OF VEHICLES EXCEEDING 7.5 Tonne

HAM LANE - That length which extends from its junction with the High Street to its junction with Ham Lane south/west arm.

Full details of the proposed Order, together with the relevant plans and any Orders amended by the proposed Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Offices of Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ and at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it, should send the grounds in writing to The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk and stating their reasons, not later than Monday 28th day of January 2013

(JAMES WHATMAN WAY, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS) VARIATION NO.9
ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL acting as the Local Traffic Authority under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984 intends to make the above named Order:

The effect of the proposed named Order (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) will introduce new or to amend existing waiting restrictions in the following lengths of road (in this part of the notice DYL means waiting to be prohibited at all times by double yellow lines; SYL and loading restrictions means no waiting at the times prescribed below).

James Whatman Way (North/South Arm), DYL, both sides, those lengths which extend from a point 102 metres south of the centre of its junction with the James Whatman Way (east/west arm) in a southerly direction for a distance of 23 metres.

James Whatman Way (North/South Arm), DYL, east side, that length that extends from its junction with Mill Lane to a point 24 metres south of the centre of its junction with the James Whatman Way (east/west arm).

James Whatman Way (East/West Arm), DYL, both sides, those lengths which extend from its junction with the James Whatman (North/South Arm) for its entire length, including around the traffic island.

James Whatman Way (North/South Arm), SYL, Mon-Sat 8:00am-6:30pm, east side, that length that extends from a point 24 metres south of the centre of its junction with the James Whatman Way (east/west arm) in a southerly direction for a distance of 78 metres.

James Whatman Way (North/South Arm), SYL, Mon-Sat 8:00am-6:30pm, west side, that length that extends from its junction with Mill Lane to a point 39 metres north of the centre of James Whatman Way (east/west arm).

Full details are contained in the proposed Order, any Orders which will be amended by the proposed Order, a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order and maps indicating the location and effect may be examined at the Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX and at the Maidstone Borough Council offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ during normal office hours.

Anyone wishing to support the new proposal or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 28th January 2013.

WEAVERING STREET, MAIDSTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to access BT underground structures, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Weaving Street, Maidstone, on or after 10 January 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Vinters Way to Grovewood Drive.

The alternative route is via Weaving Street, Grovewood Drive, New Cut Road, Grovewood Drive.

For further information, please contact
Kent County Council Highways and Transportation,
on 08458 247 800 (local rate)
or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways



HIGHWAYS

**CLAPPER LANE, STAPLEHURST
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clapper Lane, Staplehurst, on or after 21 January 2013 for up to 12 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Lindbridge to Grave Lane.

The alternative route is via Marden Road, Station Road, A229 Maidstone Road.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

**HORTON ROAD, SOUTH DARENTH, SEVENOAKS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of maintenance to railway viaduct to coincide with railway possession, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Horton Road, South Darenth, Sevenoaks, on or after 27th January 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed 10 metres either side of the railway duct and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Station Road, A225 Main Road, Cedar Drive, Devon Road, Holmesdale Road.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE

**DAVINGTON HILL, FAVERSHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Davington Hill, Faversham, on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Dark Hill / West Street and Brent Hill.

The alternative route is via Dark Hill, Bysing Wood Road, Western Link, Oare Road and Priory Row.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

**MARKET STREET & KING STREET, MARGATE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Market Street & King Street, Margate, on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 12 weeks, as shown below.

MARKET STREET will be closed from 7 January 2013 for up to 5 weeks.

The closure is from the junction with the High Street to the entrance to the car park.

The alternative route is via High Street, Queen Street, Cecil Square, Hawley Street, New Street and New Cross Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Market Street will be suspended from New Cross Street to the point of closure, to allow access.

KING STREET will be closed from 11 February 2013 for up to 6 weeks.

The closure will be in phases between the junctions with Hawley Street and Broad Street.

The alternative route is via Trinity Hill, Trinity Square, Fort Crescent, Fort Hill and Fort Road.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of King Street, between the junctions with Hawley Street and Broad Street, will be suspended to allow access.

The start date of the second phase is an approximate guideline which may vary subject to weather and ground conditions. The exact date will be notified to local residents and signposted on site.

**A256 RICHBOROUGH WAY, RAMSGATE
(50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Due to an uneven road surface whilst remedial works are monitored pending permanent repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order to impose a temporary mandatory speed limit of 50 mph on the A256 Richborough Way, Ramsgate, on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 8 weeks or until the works have been completed.

This affects the entire length of the road, between the A256 Ebbsfleet Roundabout and the A256 Sevenscore Roundabout.

This applies when the relevant signage is displayed on site.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

LUCKS HILL, WEST MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary for a bridge inspection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lucks Hill, West Malling, on or after 22 January 2013 for up to 1 night between 05.00hrs and 05.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

The alternative route is via Swan Street, High Street, Town Hill, A20 London Road, Winterfield Lane, Lucks Hill.

HIGHWAYS - TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

**B2086 SWATTENDEN LANE, CRANBROOK
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because it is necessary to install a new water main, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2086 Swattenden Lane, Cranbrook, on or after 7 January 2013 for up to 19 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from "Little Charity" to "Swattenden Oast".

The alternative route is via B2086 Benenden Road/Cranbrook Road/Mounts Hill, New Pond Road, Mill Street, Sponden Lane, A268 Megrims Hill/Rye Road, A229 Cranbrook Road/Hawkhurst Road/Hartley Road.

John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 6th January 2013

PLANNING

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR
PLANNING PERMISSION
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND) ORDER 2010**

**NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF APPLICATION
FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

**KCC/CA/0426/2012 - Proposed development at
Plots D & E, Lakesview Business Park, Hersden,
Nr Canterbury, Kent.**

Ling (UK) Holdings Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for change of use from a metal and vehicle recycling and transfer centre with materials recycling centre for dry recyclable waste and electrical goods, the storage of associated waste and waste products and the storage of demolition and contracting plant and vehicles to a facility handling all of the above and domestic ("black bag") waste and source-separated food waste.

You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 6 January 2013



LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES



**MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES
SCHEME**

In accordance with the Local Authorities Members' Allowances (England) Regulations 2003, the Council has received recommendations from an Independent Members' Remuneration Panel regarding the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2013/14.

A copy of the Panel's report detailing the recommendations is available for inspection on the Council's website at www.swale.gov.uk/dso or by visiting the Council's Offices at Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne during office hours. The recommendations will be considered at the Council meeting on Wednesday 9 January 2013 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Swale House. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting to observe.

Mark Radford
Director of Corporate Services

9 January 2013

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Sport

For more sports news and pictures go to www.kentsport.co.uk**MASTERMIND:** Cugley's cup runneth over

1990s exploits lead to three-year run

ASHFORD Town reached the first round proper for the first time in 20 years in the 1994/95 season. It sparked a run of three years of reaching that level.

The first match was against Fulham and watched by a record crowd of 3,336 at Homelands. It was also shown on Sky. Current Folkestone Invicta manager Neil Cugley was in charge at the time, and oversaw a 2-2 draw against their Third Division opponents. Coincidentally, Cugley was on the pitch in an Ashford shirt the last time the Nuts and Bolts reached the first round in 1974/75.

Ashford went two goals ahead through Jeff Ross and Dave Arter, but surrendered their lead to two late penalties. They lost the replay at Craven Cottage 5-3 after extra time.

The following year they came unstuck against non-league opposition in the form of Bognor Regis Town. They drew 1-1 on the south coast but went out disappointingly, 1-0, in the home replay.

In 1996/97 they took on non-league Dagenham & Redbridge. Again they drew 2-2 at Homelands, and 1-1 in the replay before winning 4-3 on penalties. It set up a second round tie at Watford, which they lost 5-0.

Gills dream of repeat of Chelsea cup days

OTHER than the Medway-based Royal Engineers, who won the FA Cup in 1875, the old competition hasn't held much joy for Kent sides.

This season Gillingham came undone in the second round at Preston in December. It ended dreams of a run like the one in the 1999/00 season when they reached the quarter-finals.

After overcoming Cheltenham Town, Darlington, Walsall, and Premier League duo Bradford City, and Sheffield Wednesday, they far from disgraced themselves at Stamford Bridge as Chelsea won 5-0.

One tie they won't want to remember is the defeat to Dover Athletic in 2010/11 in the first round. The Whites went on to the third round where they lost to League One Huddersfield.

In 1975, Dover created a little bit of history when they took on Southend United at Roots Hall in the second round, having beaten Colchester United in the first round.

It was the first time a tie took place after the draw for the following round. They went into the game knowing they'd take on Brighton. It didn't help though – they lost 4-1.



FOOTBALL

FA Cup weekend brings back fond memories of yesteryear

Picture: CARLETON PHOTOGRAPHIC

By Greg Miles

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IT'S often said the magic of the FA Cup is dead, but talk to those involved in famous ties from years gone by and you'll soon be put right.

It was 40 years ago this month that Margate got the dream of all dream draws as UEFA Cup winners Tottenham came to town.

The 6-0 scoreline is largely irrelevant as no one dared believe Gate would actually upset Spurs, who had the likes of Steve Perryman, Martin Peters, Martin Chivers, and Pat Jennings in their side. However it's a game that's lived long in the memory of manager Les Riggs who still lives in the area having sold up his sports shop in Cliftonville nine years ago.

In the build up to the game in 1973, the former Gillingham player and his team were regularly in the national papers. Be it posing on the beach in a deckchair, taking a trip to the sauna, playing table football, or as keeper Chic Brodie did, driving sports journalists around in his cab. It was the first time since 1936 that the then Southern League side had reached the third round after beating Swansea City, and Walton & Hersham.

"It was a surprise draw," said Riggs, who's now 77. "I said we would probably get Scunthorpe away or something."

"I had a phone call from a journalist at The Mirror, he said we were playing Spurs. The draw was recorded in those days so he knew in advance."

"I called up the chairman and said we had Tottenham. He didn't believe me. Nobody would believe me. He said he was going to put the phone down. The draw was to be shown on television five minutes after that."

The score was just 1-0 at half time, but the second half went one way as Martin Peters added three more after his first, while Cyril Knowles and John Pratt added the last two.

"We were playing quite well to be honest. I



GOAL: Martin Chivers fires a free-kick goalward, it's saved but he scores from the rebound as a star-studded Spurs hit Margate for six in the FA Cup third round in 1973

would say we didn't have too many chances," said Riggs. "They had a penalty. It hit Chic's shoulder, went onto the post, and back onto his arm and in. We fell to pieces after that."

"Up until then we were looking good. We weren't expecting to be realistic about it. They had about eight internationals in their side."

The game was nearly switched to White Hart Lane to maximise the crowd, but the authorities wouldn't allow it and so officially 8,000 or so crammed into Hartsdown Park. The actual attendance was more like 14,169.

These days you're more likely to find Riggs on a golf course in the county than near a football

ground, although he still likes to keep up to date with his old clubs.

Coincidentally he was on the bench for Bury ten years earlier, in his playing days, when he saw Brian Clough's career-ending injury when playing for Sunderland. That ruled the legendary manager out of their fourth round FA Cup match weeks later with Gravesend & Northfleet (see below).

Team lineups: Margate – Brodie, Summers, Butterfield, Fusco, Paton, Houston, Baber (Ferry 70), Clayton, Barry, Brown, Walker.

Spurs – Jennings, Evans, England, Naylor, Knowles, Pratt, Perryman (Pearce 34), Peters (c), Coates, Chivers, Gilzean

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...and day Sunderland came to town

THERE seems to be something about years ending in three that bring about big anniversaries, as it's 50 years since Gravesend & Northfleet's (aka Ebbfleet United) longest ever cup run.

Fleet made it through the big freeze of 1962/63 overcoming Exeter City 3-2 in the first round, Wycombe Wanderers 3-1 in the second round and Carlisle United in the third round 1-0. It set up a mouthwatering visit of Sunderland in the fourth round which attracted a record crowd at Stonebridge Road of 12,032. They claimed a 1-1 draw, but lost 5-2 in the replay.

Other than setting their own club record of reaching the later stages, Fleet also equalled a then existing FA Cup record of having the longest cup run of any team in the



HEADLINES: The Sunderland Echo says it all after convincing win

competition's history – five months. It started on September 8 with a 2-1 win over Chatham Town in the first qualifying round and finished with the replay defeat at Roker Park on February 18.

Despite the cup run, it was a disappointing year for the Fleet as

they were relegated from the Southern Premier, finishing second bottom, while Sunderland missed out on promotion to the First Division by goal difference. Brian Clough would have no doubt been in the side that took on G&N but he suffered his

career-ending cruciate ligament injury in an icy Boxing Day game. Before then he'd scored 24 goals in 24 games that season.

FOOTBALL

Adams: I owe Gillingham everything for my career

By Greg Miles

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MICKY Adams admits chasing Gillingham at the top of League Two isn't exactly what he'd envisaged when the season started.

The 51-year-old was steering Port Vale through troubled times in the summer as the threat of liquidation loomed over the Staffordshire club.

But now safely out of administration and with Adams back in charge for his second spell, they're hot on the heels of Gillingham in the hunt for promotion to League One.

That hunt heats up next weekend when Port Vale visit Priestfield looking for revenge after the Gills left Vale Park with a 2-0 win in September thanks to goals from Deon Burton and Chris Whelpdale.

"We have done terrifically well with all our problems," said Adams. "We've done more than we could have expected. Nobody fancied us at the beginning of the season, but we've come through the other side. The fact we are up there is a near miracle."

"There's still a lot of the season to go, there are a lot of clubs on our coat tails. We are not counting our chickens. If we had done a little bit better at home like Gillingham, we could have been long gone."

It was 1978 when Adams was let go by his hometown club Sheffield United as a 17 year-old. He trialled at Priestfield after his former Blades youth coach joined the coaching staff at Gillingham. He was offered an apprenticeship and later signed professional terms.

Converted from a winger to left back, he went on to make 103 appearances in four years before being sold to Coventry City. That lifeline is something he's not forgotten.

"I owe everything to Gillingham," he said. "I was released by Sheffield United as a youngster



RETURN:

Priestfield is a home from home for Micky Adams, who will be returning with his Port Vale side next weekend in a top of the table clash against Martin Allen's Gillingham

and had nowhere to go. It was either go back to school or take my chance at Gillingham.

"At the time it was a fantastic club. It's a fixture I look forward to every year. The fact is I have family connections down there in Rainham. I'm down there more often than not seeing the kids."

"My daughter is a season ticket holder, that's thanks to Paul Scally. He pays for her season ticket every year which is fantastic of him. Paul might not be everybody's cup of tea, but I've always found him straightforward and honest."

Adams was heavily linked with the vacant manager's job at Gillingham in the summer after Andy Hessenthaler, above, stepped down in May. Although he met with Scally, Adams said the idea of leaving Port Vale for a second time in two years, having taken over at Sheffield United in 2010 before returning six months later, never entered his head.

"We (Paul Scally and Adams) met up in Portugal in the summer and had a meal," he said. "I picked up the tab so Paul owes me one. We text each other now and again."

ONES TO WATCH



Picture: ADY KERRY

KENT: Daniel Bell-Drummond tipped for stardom

Here's who we think will be hitting the sporting headlines during 2013

WITH 2012 done and dusted a new year of sporting action starts.

Here we take a look at who could be making the headlines in 2013.

Football: Gillingham

Could it be third time lucky for Martin Allen's Gillingham as they seek to make it back to League One after two failed attempts at promotion?

The Gills need to finish the job they so impressively started back in August when they won their first eight league games, putting them in a commanding position at the top of League Two.

Allen's new-look squad brushed aside opponents week after week in the first few months of his debut season in charge. With the January transfer window open, there are sure to be some additions to the squad to make 2013 an exciting year for Gills fans with League One football a potential outcome.

Athletics: Adam Gemili

The Dartford sprinter came to national attention last summer when he set a number of new records before becoming the world 100m junior champion in Barcelona. The 19-year-old just missed out on a place in the final at the Olympics, running against Tyson Gay and Yohann Blake in his semi-final heat. Having announced himself to the world, 2013 is the year to cement his place among the sprinting elite.

Crickets: Daniel Bell-Drummond

The Kent opener was a vital part of the second XI side that won the County Championship last season.

He also proved he can cut it against the best with a competent display against a fearsome South Africa attack when Morne Morkel and co visited the St Lawrence Ground in the summer.

Having had a small taste of first team action last term, and with an ankle injury finally operated on, the 2013 season could be a breakthrough year for the 19-year-old.

Motorsport: Shane Byrne

Sheppey's 2012 British Superbike Champion Shane 'Shakey' Byrne will be looking to set two records in 2013.

He is just two race wins behind Ryuichi "Kiyo" Kiyonari's total of 43, and a championship win away from a record fourth title.

However, Kiyonari – who also has three championship titles of his own – is back after a year's break, ensuring the 2013 season will see a great BSB rivalry resumed.

FOOTBALL

Allen trims wage bill after duo's arrival

MARTIN Allen has wielded the axe on his burgeoning Gillingham squad by making three first team players available for free.

Having signed defender Leon Legge, initially on loan with a view to a permanent move from Brentford, and midfielder Steven Gregory on a free transfer this week, Gills boss Martin Allen made it clear there would be exits to balance up the wage bill.

He announced on Thursday that former Dover keeper Ross Flitney was free to leave, while young defender Connor Essam and striker Ben Strevens, who joined in the summer, would be free to leave if clubs came in for them. Four youth players have also been released.

He said: "I have made this decision with regards to Ross now to give him an opportunity of finding a club for next season."

"A combination of (Stuart) Nelson, (Tommy) Forecast and



ARRIVALS: Leon Legge, left, and Steve Gregory, right, playing for the Dons

(goalkeeping coach Carl) Muggleton have worked particularly well and we also have a good young keeper in Daren Hawkes waiting in the wings. We cannot afford to have four goalkeepers at our club. I

say that, what I mean is, people will be unhappy and get fed up at not playing so it is best now to clear the air.

"Connor Essam will be made available on a free transfer to give

him a good opportunity to find a club as he is a good young player. The club will retain an interest by including a percentage sell-on as I still feel Connor will have a good career.

"Ben Strevens is a very important member of our squad. He has a great attitude but finding him a place in the team and on the bench has proven to be difficult."

"He will still be involved with us, but I've promised that if clubs come in for him, to give him an opportunity to play and maybe earn himself a new contract, then we will not stand in his way."

Development squad members Alex Brown, Tom Brunt, George Humber and Jack Evans have also been released following their assessment over the last few months. Brown is currently on loan at Maidstone United, while Brunt is with former Gills legend Nicky Southall at Whitstable Town.

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